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At a S E S S I O N begun at Perth-Amboy
on the 27th Day of *October* 1789, and
continued by Adjournments.

BEING THE FIRST SITTING.

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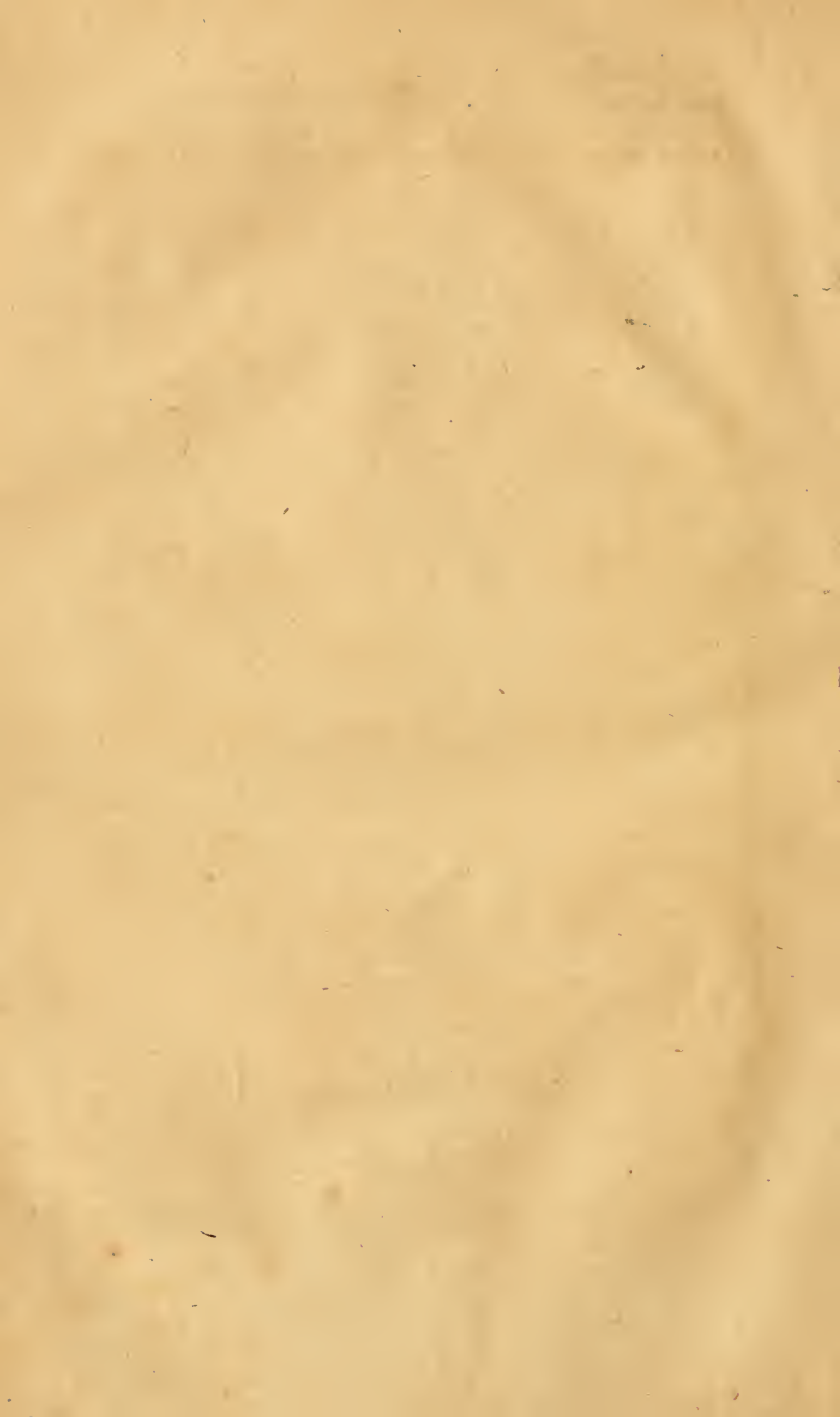
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LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL.

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| <i>Bergen,</i> | The Honorable | Peter Haring, | Esquires. |
| <i>Essex,</i> | | Jonathan Dayton, | |
| <i>Middlesex,</i> | | Samuel Randolph, | |
| <i>Monmouth,</i> | | Elisha Lawrence, <i>V. P.</i> | |
| <i>Somerset,</i> | | Ephraim Martin, | |
| <i>Burlington,</i> | | William Newbold, | |
| <i>Gloucester,</i> | | Joseph Ellis, | |
| <i>Salem,</i> | | John Mayhue, | |
| <i>Cape-May,</i> | | Jeremiah Eldridge, | |
| <i>Hunterdon,</i> | | Benjamin Van Cleve, | |
| <i>Morris,</i> | | William Woodhull, | |
| <i>Cumberland,</i> | | Samuel Ogden, | |
| <i>Suffex,</i> | | Robert Hoops, | |

LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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| <i>Bergen,</i> | | John Outwater, | Esquires. |
| | | Isaac Nicoll, | |
| | | John Benson, | |
| <i>Essex,</i> | | Jonas Wade, | |
| | | John Condict, | |
| | | Daniel Marsh, | |
| <i>Middlesex,</i> | | James Bonny, | |
| | | John Beatty, <i>Speaker,</i> | |
| | | Thomas M'Dowell, | |
| <i>Monmouth,</i> | | Joseph Stillwell, | |
| | | Thomas Little, | |
| | | James Rogers, | |
| <i>Somerset,</i> | | Robert Blair, | |
| | | John Witherspoon, | |
| | | Jacob R. Handenbergh, | |
| <i>Burlington,</i> | | Joseph Biddle, | |
| | | Robert Strettle Jones, | |
| | | Daniel Newbold, | |
| <i>Gloucester,</i> | | Franklin Davenport, | |
| | | Joseph Cooper, | |
| | | Abel Clement, | |
| <i>Salem,</i> | | Edward Hall, | |
| | | Benjamin Holme, | |
| | | Edmund Wetherby, | |
| <i>Cape-May,</i> | | Elijah Townsend, | |
| | | Nezer Swain, | |
| | | Eli Townsend, | |
| <i>Hunterdon,</i> | | John Anderson, | |
| | | Joshua Corshen, | |
| | | Charles Axford, | |
| <i>Morris,</i> | | Ellis Cook, | |
| | | Aaron Kitchel, | |
| | | Jacob Arnold, | |
| <i>Cumberland,</i> | | John Burgin, | |
| | | Eli Elmer, | |
| | | Ebenezer Elmer, | |
| <i>Suffex,</i> | | Aaron Hankinson, | |
| | | Charles Beardlee, | |
| | | John Rutherford, | |



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PERTH-AMBOY, Tuesday October 27, 1789.

B EING the Time and Place appointed by Law for the first Meeting of the General Assembly, chosen at the annual Election, begun on the thirteenth Instant, the following Persons returned as Members attended, to wit, John Benson, returned as one of the Representatives of the County of Bergen; Daniel Marsh as one of the Representatives of the County of Essex; James Bonny, John Beatty and Thomas M'Dowell, as Representatives of the County of Middlesex; John Witherspoon, as one of the Representatives of the County of Somerset; Robert Strettle Jones, as one of the Representatives of the County of Burlington; Franklin Davenport and Abel Clement, as two of the Representatives of the County of Gloucester; Edward Hall, Benjamin Holme and Edmund Wetherby, as Representatives of the County of Salem; John Anderson and Joshua Corlison, as two Representatives of the County of Hunterdon; Ellis Cook, Aaron Kitchel and Jacob Arnold, as Representatives of the County of Morris; John Burgin, Eli Elmer and Ebenezer Elmer, as Representatives of the County of Cumberland; Aaron Hankinson and Charles Beardlee, as two of the Representatives of the County of Sussex; the respective Certificates of Election were read, approved and ordered to be filed; James Bonny, Esq. was appointed

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agreeably to the Constitution, to qualify John Beatty, Esq. who being duly sworn, took his Seat accordingly, and the remaining Persons returned as Representatives, being qualified by the said John Beatty took their Seats in the House.

The House proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, when the Hon. John Beatty was unanimously Chosen and accordingly placed in the Chair.

The House proceeded to the Election of a Clerk, when Maskell Ewing, Esq. was unanimously chosen.

Maskell Ewing attended ; and having taken the Oath of Allegiance, and also an Oath for the faithful Discharge of his Office, he took his Seat as Clerk of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Benson do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the House of Assembly have this Day proceeded to Business, and have chosen the Honorable John Beatty, Esquire, their Speaker.

Resolved, That Isaac Webb, be Door-keeper to the House during the present Sitting.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, October 28, 1789.

The House met.

Resolved, That the Speaker have Power during the Session, to convene the General Assembly whenever any extraordinary Occasion shall in his opinion render it necessary.

Isaac Nicoll returned as one of the Representatives of the County of Bergen ; Jonas Wade and John Condict, returned as two of the Representatives of the County of Essex ; Joseph Stillwell, Thomas Little and James Rodgers, returned as Representatives of the County of Monmouth ; Joseph Biddle, as one of the Representatives of the County of Burlington ; Elijah Townsend, Nezer Swain and Eli Townsend, as Representatives of the County of Cape-May ; Charles Ax-ford, as one of the Representatives for the County of Hunterdon, attended and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed ; whereupon, being duly Sworn or Affirmed by the Speaker, they took their Seats, and having rendered to the House an excuse for their non-attendance before this time.

Resolved, That the same is satisfactory.

Ordered, That Messrs Biddle and Little be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the last Sitting, and report such Business as was referred or remains unfinished.

Ordered, That Messrs Hall and Holme be a Committee to prepare and present the draught of a Bill for defraying Incidental charges.

Ordered, That Messrs Kitchel, Nicoll, Marsh, Wetherby and Jones, or any three of them be a Committee for the present Session to join a Committee of the Council on such public Accounts as may be referred to them during the Sitting

ting of the Legislature ; that the said Committees settle and report all accounts for the payment of which when settled, provision is already made by Law, and that they deliver all others to such Committee of this House as may be appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying Incidental charges.

Ordered, That Mr. Wade do wait on the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for the above purpose.

A Memorial from Jacob Winans, of the County of Essex was read, praying that the Legislature would direct the Attorney General to delay filing of a Bill in Chancery against him at the Suit of the State.

Ordered, That the said Petition be dismissed.

Mr. Benson reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Dayton.

Ordered, Council Chamber, October 28, 1789.
THAT Mr. Dayton do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a sufficient number of Members of this House have this Day met, Elected the Honorable Elisha Lawrence Vice President, and proceeded to business.

Ordered, That Messrs Davenport, Cook, Wade, Jones and Eli Elmer, or any three of them be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer, and that Mr. Bonny, do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

Ordered, That Messrs Witherspoon and Davenport, be a Committee to examine and Correct the Journals of this House.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from Samuel A. Otis, Secretary to the Senate of the United States, accompanied with a copy of the Journals of the Senate at their late Session, which was read and ordered to be filed.

A Petition from Ludwick Hurst and Caleb Hewitt, now confined in the Gaol of the County of Gloucester for Debt was read, praying that an Act may be passed for their relief so far as respects the Imprisonment of their Persons.

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second time.

A Petition from the Owners and Possessors of Meadows on each side of Raccoon Creek, and also the Owners and Masters of Boats and Flats that ply from the Mouth of said Creek to Sweedborough, in the County of Gloucester was read, praying leave to present a Bill to Authorize them to alter the course of said Creek, by turning the Waters thereof through a thoroughfare from one part thereof to another, and stopping out the old Creek at such places as shall be appointed for that purpose.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer contained in their Petition on Advertising the purport of the Bill they mean to present with a Copy of this Order at least ten Days previous thereto, in three of the Public places in the Neighbourhood or Township where the Parties concerned reside.

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A Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of the Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, praying for reasons therein contained, that the Time of holding their Annual Town-Meetings may by Law be directed to be held one Day later in the Season than they now are held.

Ordered, That Mr. Davenport and Mr. Clement, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill to answer the Prayer of the said Petition.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House, the following return of Monies counted and cancelled at the Treasury by James Ewing and Maskell Ewing, Esq's, agreeably to their appointment, as follows :

Invoice of Revenue Money cancelled in the Treasury of the State of New-Jersey, October 23, 1789.

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We do hereby certify, that agreeably to an Act of Assembly, passed November 24, 1788, we have this Day counted, inspected and cancelled in the Treasury of the State of New-Jersey, nine bundles of Revenue Money, containing the Sum of three Hundred and Forty Pounds, agreeably to the above Invoice, Witness our hands the 23d Day of October 1789,

JAMES EWING,
MASKELL EWING.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, was delivered by the Secretary with the Papers described in the following List :

List of the Public Papers and Acts referred to in the Governors Message.

- No. 1. An Act of Congress to regulate the Time and Manner of Administering certain Oaths.
2. An Act for laying a Duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes imported into the United States.
3. An Act imposing Duties on Tonnage.
4. An Act for establishing an Executive Department, to be Denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs.
5. An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties imposed by Law on the Tonnage of Ships or Vessels, and on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes imported into the United States.

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- No. 6. An Act for settling the Accounts between the United States and Individual States.
7. An Act to provide for the Government of the Territory North-West of the River Ohio.
8. An Act for the Establishment and Support of Light-Houses, Beacons, Buoys and Public Piers.
9. An Act to Establish an Executive Department, to be Denominated the Department of War.
10. An Act providing for the Expenses that may attend Negotiations or Treaties with the Indian Tribes, and the Appointment of Commissioners for managing the same.
11. A Resolution of Congress for carrying into effect a Survey, directed to be made by an Act of the late Congress, and requesting the President of the United States to Appoint a proper Person to complete the same.
12. An Act to Establish the Treasury Department.
13. An Act for Registering and Clearing Vessels, regulating the coasting Trade and for other purposes.
14. An Act for Establishing the Salaries for the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks.
15. An Act to provide for the safe-keeping of the Acts, Records and Seal of the United States, and for other purposes.
16. An Act to suspend part of an Act, intitled, ' An Act to Regulate the Collection of the Duties imposed by Law on the Tonnage of Ships or Vessels, and on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes imported into the United States, and for other purposes.'
17. An Act for allowing compensation to the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to the Officers of both Houses.
18. An Act for the temporary Establishment of the Post-Office,
19. An Act for allowing certain Compensation to the Judges of the Supreme and other Courts, and to the Attorney-General of the United States.
20. An Act for allowing a compensation to the President and Vice President of the United States.
21. A Resolution of Congress making it the Duty of the Secretary of State to provide from Time to Time, such of the Statutes of the several States as may not be in his Offices.
22. A Resolution to provide for the safe-keeping of such Prisoners as may be committed under the Authority of the United States, to the Gaols of the several States.
23. A Copy of the Amendments proposed to be added to the Constitution of the United States.
24. Copy of the Resolution of Congress for transmitting those Amendments, &c.
24. A Letter from His Excellency Governor Clinton on that subject.
25. An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States.
26. An Act to regulate the process in the Courts of the United States.
27. An Act to explain and amend an Act, intitled, ' An Act for Registering and Clearing Vessels regulating the Coasting Trade, and for other purposes.'
28. An Act to Recognize and Adopt to the Constitution of the United States

No. — States the Establishment of Troops raised under the Resolves of the United States in Congress Assembled, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

29. An Act providing for the Payment of the Invalid Pensioners of the United States.

30. An Act making Appropriations for the present Year.

31. An Act allowing the Baron De Glaubeck the pay of Captain in the Army of the United States.

32. An Act to alter the Time for the next meeting of Congress.

33. A Resolution for continuing John White, John Write and Joshua Dawson in Office until the fourth of February 1789.

34. An Order of Congress that the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to apply to the Executives of the several States for statements of their Public Debts, and the funds provided for the Payments in whole or in Part of the Principal and Interest thereof.

35. A Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury on that subject,

Which Message and the list accompanying the same were read, and committed to Messrs Wither Spoon, Nicoll and Jones, who are requested to select out of the same, such as require the particular attention and the order of the House, and report their Opinion as to the remainder of the said Papers.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the County of Salem, praying that a Law may pass to amend the Law passed the fifth of June 1787, limiting Suits at Law respecting Titles of Land was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from Enos Seeley and William Kelsey, late Commissioners of Forfeited Estates in the County of Cumberland, setting forth that a Writ had been issued some Time past against them, at the Suit of the State for the Sum of £. 167 6 10 that a Judgment had been entered by Default, and Execution issued against them for the Sum of £. 230 16 10 and praying the Legislature would grant them relief as to the difference of the two Sums, being £. 63 10 0 and direct their Treasurer accordingly, was read and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from the Representatives of David Knott, late of Shrewsbury in the County of Monmouth, deceased, setting forth that the said David Knott had, in his life-time, made sundry Contracts for the Sale and Conveyance of certain Tracts of Land to divers Purchasers in Fee; that the said David Knott, died intestate, and without making any of the Conveyances aforesaid, and praying that the Legislature would by Law Authorize and Empower Peter Knott the Eldest Son and Administrator of the said Deceased, to make and execute the Deeds of Conveyance which the said Intestate in his life-time had been bound to do, which was read and ordered a second reading.

Three Petitions from Thomas Cullen, George Hyde and Daniel Pugh, Prisoners confined for Debt in the Gaol of the County of Hunterdon; and also a Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Salem County, on behalf of Job Cain, praying for the reasons therein set forth, that a Law may be passed to relieve them so far as respects the Imprisonment of their Persons, were read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Wade reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

Ordered, Council Chamber, October 28, 1789.
THAT Mr. Randolph and Mr. Ogden, or either of them be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly for the Purpose mentioned in their Message of this Day, and that Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Thursday, October 29, 1789.

The House met.

Daniel Newbold, returned as one of the Representatives for the County of Burlington, and John Rutherford, returned as one of the Representatives for the County of Suffex, appeared in the House, and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed, whereupon, being duly Sworn by the Speaker, they took their Seats, and having rendered to the House an excuse for their non-attendance,

Resolved, That the same is satisfactory.

Mr. Wither Spoon from the Committee to whom the message from His Excellency the Governor with the communications therewith transmitted, were referred, beg leave to recommend to serious attention, No. 22, 23, 29 and 35, and that the remainder of them be safely kept among the Papers of this House.

By order of the Committee.

JOHN WITHERSPOON.

The Paper marked No. 8, containing an Act for the Establishment and Support of Light-Houses, Beacons, Buoys and Public Piers, was read and committed to Messrs Stillwell and Rutherford, to bring in a Bill in conformity thereto.

The Paper marked No. 22, containing the resolution of Congress, to provide for the safe-keeping of such Prisoners as may be committed under the Authority of the United States, to the Gaols of the several States was read and committed to Messrs Wither Spoon and Rutherford to report a Bill in conformity with the said Resolution.

No. 23, Containing a copy of the Amendments proposed to be Added to the Constitution of the United States, was read and referred to Messrs Nicoll, Marsh, Bonny, Stillwell, Wither Spoon, Jones, Davenport, Hall, Elijah Townsend, Corrhon, Kitchel, Dr. Elmer and Hankinson, with such other Members as choose to attend to report thereon to the House.

No. 29, Containing an Act of Congress providing for the Payment of the Invalid Pensioners of the United States, was read and ordered a second reading.

No. 35, Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, dated 29th September 1789, inclosing an order of Congress of the 21st of the same Month, directing him to apply to the Executives of the several States for State-ments of their Public Debts, and the Funds provided for the Payment in Whole
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or in Part of the Principal and Interest thereof, &c. was read and referred to Messrs Marsh, Wade and Cook, to make report thereon to the House.

Mr. Little, from the Committee appointed for that purpose, brought in the following report of Business unfinished at the last or referred to this Sitting.

1. **A** PETITION from the Officers of Colonel Cortland's Regiment of Militia.
2. The Bill intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, for Vesting the Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Sterling, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, so much as may suffice the Debts and Encumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the remainder if any be.'
3. The Bill intituled, 'An Act to enable Sarah Hill, Executrix, and William Robinson, Executor of the Testament and last Will of Moses Hill, deceased, to make a Title to a Lot of Meadow, Sold by the said Moses Hill in his life-time to Matthias Lambson.'
4. The Bill intituled, 'An Act for Building a Draw-Bridge over Oldman's Creek Division-line between the Counties of Gloucester and Salem, with a Causeway to and from the same.'
5. A Petition from Middlesex County, praying that the Legislature would grant the Barracks at New-Brunswick unto the Counties of Somerset and Middlesex, for the use of a Poor-House.
6. A Petition from the County of Hunterdon respecting Manufactures, &c.
7. A Petition from Catherine Lawrence of the County of Monmouth.
8. Requisition of Congress of the 11th October 1787, for the Year 1787.
9. Requisition of Congress for the Year 1788.
10. The bill intituled, 'An Act to secure the Testimony of Witnesses on the Trial of Causes in the different Courts of this State, and to repeal the Act intituled, 'An Act for Regulating and Shortning the Proceedings in the Courts of Law.'
11. A Petition from Somerset and Middlesex, respecting the Division-Line between the said Counties.
12. The Bill intituled, 'An Act for the more easy Partition of Lands, held by Coparceners, Joint-Tenants and Tenants in Common, and for the more effectually preventing the Waste of Timber on the same.'
13. The Bill intituled, 'An Act to alter the Place of holding the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, and for other purposes therein mentioned.'
14. The Bill intituled, 'An Act to change the Trustees for selling certain Lands, late the property of Lewis Johnson, Esq. deceased, and for completing the said Trust.'
15. The Petition from the County of Suffex respecting Delinquent Collectors, &c.
16. The Petition from the Owners of Meadows in Penn's-Neck, in the County of Salem.

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17. The Petition from the County of Burlington, praying that a Law may be passed for the preservation of Cranberries.

18. The Petition of Frederick Quequille and George Wilton.

19. The Bill intitled, ' An Act to encourage the Raifing and Keeping of Oxen for draught, and to discourage the keeping a superfluous number of Horses in this State.'

20. The Bill intitled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh, Swamp and Meadows, lying between the fast Land of Thomas Carney, Esq. in Upper Penn's-Neck, and the fast Land of Thomas Jeans, commonly called Deep-Water-Point, in Lower Penn's-Neck, in the County of Salem, to Erect and keep in repair, a sufficient Bank-Dam and other Waterworks, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same.'

21. The Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of Essex County, praying that a Law may be passed, directing John Crane to be Commissioned as a Captain, and Authorized to Raise and Equip a Uniform Company of Volunteers.

22. The Petition from a number of Inhabitants of Bergen County, praying that a Law may be passed, directing Nehemiah Wade, Esq. to be Commissioned as Captain, and Authorized to Raise and Equip a Troop of Militia-Horse.

23. The Petition from Manasquan respecting Fisheries and Fishing.

24. The Petition from Hunterdon, praying an Alteration to the Law respecting Fishing in the River Delaware.

25. The Bill intitled, " An Act for Vesting in James Rumsey, Esq. the Exclusive Right and Privilege of making, using and vending divers Engines, Machines and Devices by him Invented and improved for a term of Years therein mentioned." The Parties for and against this Bill, to be heard before the House on the second Thursday of this Sitting.

26. The Petition from the Infantry Company of Trenton.

27. The Petition of George W. Campbell, praying that a Law may be passed directing the Interest paid on certain Public Securities in his hands.

28. The Bill intitled, ' An Act to preserve the Legislative Department of this State from all suspicion of corruption.'

29. The Bill intitled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow, Marsh and Swamps, lying on Nacolt Creek in the County of Gloucester, to make and maintain a Bank-Dam and necessary Waterworks to stop the Tide out of said Creek, and to keep the Water-course thereof open and clear.' Parties to be heard on the second Tuesday in this Sitting.

30. The Bill intitled, ' An Act for Encorporating a Seminary for the Education of Youth in New-Barbadoes, in the County of Bergen, by the Name of the Federal Academy in the County of Bergen.'

31. The Bill intitled, ' An Act to prevent in future, any of the Members of Assembly from holding of, or receiving any of the Emoluments arising from any Office or Post of Profit under the appointment of the Executive or Judiciary Officers.'

32. The Bill intituled, ' A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to Incorporate certain Persons as Trustees in every Religious Society or Congregation in this State for transacting the Temporal concerns thereof.'

33. The Bill intituled, ' An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Upper-Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that purpose.'

34. The Petition from the Proprietors of the Line of Stages, which run between Paules-Hook and Philadelphia, praying that the Monies by them paid for a Licence, may be paid into the Treasury at two different Payments, and that it may be Appropriated to the repairs of the Roads, &c.

35. The Letter from the Treasurer of the 10th November 1788.

36. The Bill intituled, ' An Act to Authorize the Agents of Forfeited Estates, to recover Debts due to the State in Virtue of the Attainder of certain Persons whose Estates have been Confiscated to and for the use of the said Persons on the conditions therein specified.'

37. The Bill intituled, ' An Act for Incorporating the Town of Princeton.

38. The Petition of James Thompson and others, praying leave to establish a Company of Grenadiers.

39. The report of a Committee on Azariah Dunham's Accounts.

40. A Resolution appointing the Honorable John Chetwood, James Kinsey and Abraham Ogden, Esq's, Counsellors at Law to revise the Act intituled, ' An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony to ascertain and Tax Bills of Costs, and for making Provision by Law for the Payment of the Services of the several Officers of the Colony, and for preventing the said Officers from taking exorbitant Fees.'

By Order of the Committee.

THOMAS LITTLE.

The Paper in the foregoing report marked

No. 1. Was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

2. Was read, and ordered a second reading.

3. Was read, and the Consideration thereof postponed.

4. Was read, and ordered a second reading.

5. Was read, and dismissed.

6. Was read, and referred to the Committee of the whole House for discussion on Thursday the 12th of November next.

7. Was read, and referred to Messrs Little, Stillwell and Rogers to report thereon.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Report be postponed.

The House adjourned till three o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

Ordered, That Mr. Stillwell, do wait on the Council and inform them, that the House are ready to go into a Joint-Meeting, to appoint a Governor and other Officers of the State, and do desire that Council will appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.

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Mr. Stillwell reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Martin.

Ordered, Council Chamber, October 29, 1789.

THAT Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting for the purpose mentioned in their Message of this Day on Monday next four o'clock in the afternoon in the Assembly Room.

Ordered, Council Chamber, October 29, 1789.

THAT Messrs Dayton and Van Cleve or either of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, and that Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Rogers have leave of Absence until Wednesday next.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee upon Business unfinished, and the Papers therein, marked No. 8. and 9. were read, and the consideration thereof postponed.

No. 10. Was read, and dismissed.

11. Was read, and committed to Messrs Hardenbergh and M'Dowell, to bring in a Bill for the purpose mentioned in the Petition.

12. Was read, and committed to Messrs Davenport, Biddle and Rutherford, to report thereon.

13. Was read, and ordered a second reading.

14. Was read, and ordered a second reading.

15. Was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

16. Was read, and postponed.

17. Was read, and committed to Messrs Jones, Biddle and Clement, who are appointed to bring in a Bill for the preservation of Cranberries.

18. Was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

19. Was read, and ordered a second reading.

20. Was read, and dismissed.

21, & 22. Were read, and referred to the next Sitting.

23. The Petition from Manasquan respecting Fisheries and Fishing was read and postponed.

24. Was read, and committed to Messrs Anderson, Corshon and Rutherford, who are appointed to bring in a Bill to answer the Prayer of the Petitioners.

25. Was read, and the further considerations thereof postponed.

26. Was read, and referred to the next Session.

27. Was read, and committed to Messrs Davenport and Marsh, to report thereon to the House.

28. Was read, and ordered a second reading.

29, & 30. Were read, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

31. Was read, and ordered a second reading.

32. Was read, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

33. Was read, and ordered a second reading.

34. Was read, and committed to Messrs Marsh, Hardenbergh, Bonny and Corshon, to Bring in a Bill to answer the Prayer of the Petition.

35. Was read, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

36. Was read, and ordered a second reading.

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No. 37. Was read, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

38. Was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said report be postponed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the clock.

Friday, October 30, 1789.

The House met.

Mr. Witherspoon from the Committee appointed for that purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to Authorize the Keepers of the Gaols of the State, to receive and safe-keep all Prisoners committed under the authority of the United States,' which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Davenport from the Committee appointed for that purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to alter the Time of holding the Annual Town-Meeting in the Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester,' which was read, and ordered a second reading.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Messrs Witherspoon, Hardenburgh and Rutherford, be a Committee to join a Committee of Council, to prepare an Address to the President of the United States, congratulating him on his Appointment, assuring him of our Esteem and Regard, and of our willingness to Support him in the due execution of the Laws, and in the Preservation of Public Tranquility, and that Mr. Hardenburgh do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House for that purpose.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the County of Cape-May, praying that a Law may be passed for laying out a Road from the Ship-Yard on the South-Branch of Dennis's Creek, through Lands of Christopher Ludlam, to a Line of James Godfrey, Esq. thence through Lands of Rheuben Townsend and James Ludlam, to the Main-Branch of Dennis's Creek, and that they may be Empowered by Law to erect a Bridge over the said Creek, and extend a Causeway through the Marsh and Swamp to the Upland on the North side of Dennis's Creek, was read.

Ordered, That Messrs Townsend, Swain and Eli Townsend, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill to answer the prayer of their Petition.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, was read praying that a Law may pass to amend the Law, passed the fifth of June 1787, limiting Suits at Law respecting Titles of Land, was read and ordered a second reading.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Messrs Witherspoon, Hardenburgh, Hankinson, Swain and Benson, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of Council if they shall agree, to appoint one to consider and report their Opinion on what may be proper and competent for the Legislature to do, in order to promote the Interest of Religion and Morality among all ranks of People in this State; and that Mr. Hardenburgh do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that purpose.

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A Petition from Samuel Dowdney, of the County of Cumberland, praying leave to present a Bill to Authorize the Treasurer of the State to deliver him a Note for the three fourth Parts of the Depreciation of his Pay in lieu of one he formerly obtained and which he lost while on duty; was read.

Ordered, That he have leave to present a Bill agreeably to the prayer of his Petition.

Mr. Townsend, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Pasturing the Lands, Meadows and Islands in common, lying on and adjoining a certain Beach, known by the name of Peck's Beach, and for other purposes therein mentioned,' which was read and ordered a second reading.

Ordered, That Mr. Wither Spoon have leave of absence until Monday next.

The Act of Congress providing for the Payment of the Invalid Pensioners of the United States, was read a second Time and committed to Messrs Jones, Wade and Dr. Elmer, to report thereon to the House.

A Petition from the Proprietors of the Line of Stages between Paules-Hook and Philadelphia was read, praying that a Law may be passed to amend the Act passed for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, &c. by repealing the same as far as relates to the words "*more than five miles*," in the third line of the third Section of that Act.

Ordered, That the said Petition be committed to Messrs Bonny, Marsh, Hardenbergh and Corshon.

Mr. Elmer agreeably to leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the relief of Samuel Dowdney,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled An Act, for Vesting the Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Sterling, within this State in Trustees to discharge by the Sale thereof, so much as may suffice the Debts and Encumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the remainder if any be,' was read a second Time.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed until the Petitioners for the Bill, have duly Advertised the same with a copy of this order, for three weeks in one of the News-Papers Printed in the city of New-York, and the News-Paper Printed in Elizabeth-Town.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill intituled, 'An Act to Authorize the Agents of Forfeited Estates, to recover Debts due to this State in Virtue of the Attainder of certain Persons whose Estates have been Confiscated to and for the use of the said Persons, on the conditions therein Specified,' was read a second Time, and after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said Bill, be committed to Messrs Kitchel, Marsh, Rutherford and Davenport.

'The Bill intitled, ' An Act to prevent in future any of the Members of Assembly, from Holding or Receiving any of the Emoluments arising from any Office or Post of Profit under the appointment of the Executive or Judiciary Officers,' was read a second time.

On the Question whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill, it was unanimously carried in the Negative.

Ordered, That the said Bill be dismissed.

'The Bill intitled, ' An Act to preserve the Legislative Department of this State from all suspicion of Corruption,' was read a second time, and after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to Messrs Hardenbergh, Davenport and Rutherford.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Ellis.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, October 30, 1789.

THAT Mr. Dayton be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, for preparing an Address to the President of the United States, and that Mr. Martin and Mr. Woodhull or either of them, be a Committee to consider and report their Opinion on what may be Proper for the Legislature to do, in order to promote the Interest of Religion and Morality; and that Mr. Ellis do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Messrs Rutherford, Davenport, Hardenbergh, Marsh, Jones and Biddle, be a Committee to Examine and Revise the Election-Law of this State.

Resolved, That the Doors of the Gallery be kept open, and that the Inhabitants of the State be permitted to be present at the transacting the Business of the House, except on such particular Occasions as in the Opinion of the House shall require Secrecy.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, November 2, 1789.

The House met.

John Outwater, returned as one of the Representatives of the County of Bergen, and Robert Blair, returned as one of the Representatives of the County of Somerset, attended, and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed, whereupon, being duly Sworn by the Speaker, they took their Seats, and having rendered an excuse for their non-attendance before this Time,

Resolved, That the same is satisfactory.

Mr. Davenport from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intitled, ' An Act for the more easy Partition of Lands held by Coparceners, Joint-Tenants

' nants and Tenants in Common, and for the more effectually preventing the ' Waste of Timber on the same,' reported the same with sundry Amendments, which with the Amendments was read, and after some Time spent thereon,
Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Biddle from the Committee appointed for that purpose, brought in a Bill intituled, ' An Act for the preservation of Cranberries,' which was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from James Sloan, praying that the Petition from the Managers and a Petition from Sundry Owners and Possessors of the Bank, Marsh and Toll-Bridge on Newton Creek, presented to the House on the 29th August 1788, might be taken up, and that the Petitioners may have leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of the said Petition.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting, on giving fifteen Days notice to Samuel Harrison, and Advertising their intentions of applying to the Legislature with a copy of the Orders thereof at the Toll-Bridge, the Public House at Gloucester, and one of the Coopers Ferries.

Joseph Cooper returned as one of the Representatives of the County of Gloucester, appeared in the House and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House, and having rendered an excuse for his non-attendance,

Resolved, That the same is satisfactory.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting, and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker and Dr. Elmer, have leave of absence, on special Business until Wednesday Morning.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, November 3, 1789.

The House met.

In consequence of the Speaker's absence, Mr. Marsh was Appointed Speaker *pro Tem.* and was accordingly placed in the Chair.

Mr. Hardenbergh, from the Committee, appointed for that purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for altering and re-settling Part of the ' Boundary-Line between the Counties of Somerset and Middlesex,' which was read and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the City of New-Brunswick, praying leave to present a Bill to amend the Law passed for Incorporating the said City, was read.

Ordered,

Ordered, That they have leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition, first Advertising the purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a copy of this Order, one week previous thereto in three of the most Public Places in the said City.

The Bill intitled, ' An Act to regulate the Pasturing the Lands, Meadows and Islands in Common, lying on and adjoining a certain Beach, known by the name of Peck's Beach, and for other purposes therein mentioned,' was read a second time, and after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The Bill intitled, ' An Act to alter the Time of holding the Annual Town-Meeting, in the Township of Deptford in the County of Gloucester,' was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from Captain John Price, of the County of Monmouth, praying an allowance of eight Pounds for his Services as a Captain in the Township of Dover, in the County of Monmouth was read, and referred to Messrs Stillwell, Little and Rogers.

A Petition from Captain Cornelius Hennion, of the County of Bergen, praying an additional Allowance per Month as an Invalid Pensioner was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from Rheuben Potter, of the County of Middlesex, accompanied with fundry Accounts against Fugitives whose Estates have been Confiscated to this State, which were read, and referred to Messrs Stillwell, Little and Rogers.

The Bill intitled, ' An Act to Authorize the Keepers of the Gaols of this State to receive and safe-keep all Prisoners committed under the Authority of the United States,' was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from Joseph King, of the County of Morris, praying that the Agent of the County of Morris, may be directed to give him a Deed for Land he purchased of Thomas Milledge, whose Estate was Confiscated to this State on his paying the Ballance due from him to the said Milledge into the Treasury of the State was read, and committed to Messrs Condict, Beardlee and Cooper to report their Opinion, &c.

The Petition from the Representatives of David Knott, late of Shrewsbury in the County of Monmouth, deceased, praying leave to present a Bill to Authorize and Empower Peter Knott, the Eldest Son and Administrator of the said Deceased, to make and execute the Deed of Conveyance, which the said Intestate in his Life had been bound to do, was read a second time, whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition.

The Bill intitled, ' An Act to change the Trustees for Selling certain Lands, late the Property of Lewis Johnson, Esq. deceased, and for completing the said Trust,' was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Messrs Outwater, Condict, M'Dowell, Little, Blair, Newbold, Cooper, Wetherby, Eli Townsend, Axford, Arnold, Burgin and Rutherford,
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be a Committee to settle the Quotos of Taxes to be Paid by the several Counties.

A Petition from Samuel Reading, late a Major of the Jersey Line, praying the Legislature would provide for the discharge of a Note given him for the Depreciation of his Pay while in the Service of the United States, was read and ordered a second reading.

On Motion,

Ordered, That the Speaker be requested to Write to the Auditor of Accounts to attend the House and inform them particularly, what has been done towards a Settlement of the Accounts between this State and the United States, and what is the situation of that Business at present.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Messrs Newbold, Arnold, Davenport, Cooper and Elmer, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to revise the Acts for the regulating the different Inns, Taverns and Ordinaries within this State, and report to the House the Means of Suppressing the Number thereof.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Petition of Ludwick Hurst, Thomas Cullin, Caleb Hewitt, George Hyde, Daniel Pugh and sundry Inhabitants of the County of Salem, in favor of Job Caines, Prisoners confined in the Gaols of the State, were read a second time, and referred to Messrs Wither Spoon, Newbold and Corshon, to report thereon to the House.

Mr. Rutherford from the Committee, appointed for that purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to amend an Act, intituled an Act to regulate the Fisheries, and to prevent the Obstruction of the Navigation in the River Delaware,' which was read and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from sundry Owners and Possessors of Meadows, in the County of Salem, praying an alteration to the Law passed for the better Improvement of their Meadows, was read and dismissed.

The Bill intituled, 'An Act for the relief of Samuel Dowdney,' was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 4, 1789.

The House met.

Mr. Townsend from the Committee, appointed for that purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to Authorize Commissioners to Build a Bridge over the North and South Branches of Dennis's Creek, and to lay out a Public Road from Thomas Laming's Ship-Yard, and for other purposes therein mentioned,' which was read and order a second reading.

Ordered, That Mr. Biddle do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this House have referred the Amendments proposed by Congress to be added

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to the Constitution of the United States, to Messrs Nicoll, Marsh, Bonny, Stillwell, Wither Spoon, Davenport, Hall, Elijah Townsend, Corshon, Kitchel, Dr. Elmer and Handkinson, with such other Members as choose to attend, and to request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House on that Business, to report to the separate Houses their Opinion thereon, and that Council appoint the Time and Place of meeting.

The Bill intitled, ‘An Act for the preservation of Cranberries,’ was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Biddle reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Mayhew.

Mr. Speaker—The Council have appointed Messrs Dayton, Van-Cleve, Woodhull and Martin, to be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly with such other Members as choose to attend, to take into consideration the Amendments proposed by Congress, to be added to the Constitution of the United States, and that Council do propose To-morrow at four o’Clock in the afternoon for the Time, and the Assembly-Room for the Place of the meeting of the abovesaid Committees.

Mr. Davenport from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intitled, ‘An Act for the more easy Partition of Lands held by Coparceners, Joint-Tenants and Tenants in Common, and for the more effectually preventing the Waste of Timber on the same,’ reported the same with fundry Amendments, and the following Title: ‘An Act for the more easy Partition of Lands held by Coparceners, Joint-Tenants and Tenants in Common,’ which being read, debated, and further Amended was ordered to be engrossed.

On Motion,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill, to ascertain the Grounds of Divorce from the Marriage-Bond when applied for by either of the Parties, and that after the said Bill shall be passed into a Law, no Petition for Divorce shall be Received by the Legislature, but remitted to the Courts of Justice, and that Messrs Wither Spoon, Hardenbergh and Newbold, be a Committee for that purpose.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants in the Counties of Somerset and Middlesex was read, praying that a Law may be passed to Authorize and Direct the Justices and Freeholders of the said Counties from Time to Time as occasion may require, to raise Money and apply the same to the repairing and keeping in Order the Bridge over the River at Raritan Landing.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to Messrs Hardenbergh, Blair and Bonny, to bring in a Bill to answer the prayer of the said Petition.

The Bill intitled, ‘An Act to amend an Act, intitled an Act to regulate the Fisheries, and to prevent the Obstruction of the Navigation in the River Delaware,’ was read a second time, and after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The Speaker returned and resumed the Chair.

Dr. Elmer returned and took his Seat.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

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The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Treasurer, setting forth that he has received in the course of the present Year, from the Commissioners of the Loan-Offices of the several Counties, a number of Bundles of Cancelled Loan-Office Money, said to contain in the whole, the Sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-seven Pounds Fourteen Shillings and three pence, and that he is possessed of Three Hundred and Forty Pounds of unappropriated Revenue Money, cancelled by James Ewing and Maskell Ewing, Esq's, which he is ready to deliver to the order of this House.

Ordered, That Messrs Kitchel, Cook, Wetherby, Clement and Cooper, or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of Council, for the purpose of counting and burning the cancelled Money above referred to, and that Mr. Davenport do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that purpose.

Mr. Swain from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to regulate the Pasturing the Lands, Meadows and Islands in Common, ' lying on and adjoining a certain Beach known by the name of Peck's Beach, ' and for other purposes therein mentioned,' reported the same with sundry amendments, which being read and further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Messrs Wither Spoon, Marsh, Kitchel, Rutherford, Arnold, Dr. Elmer and Outwater, be a Committee to take into consideration the State of the Paper Money of this State, and the most probable means of raising the value thereof.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Messrs Rutherford, Dr. Elmer and Wither Spoon, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to divide the State into Districts, either Counties or Townships, or otherwise as to the Committee shall seem meet, and give directions, that Registers be kept in every such District of Marriages, Births and Deaths within the several Bounds.

The Petition from Captain Cornelius Hennion, of the County of Bergen, was read a second time, and committed to Messrs Dr. Elmer, Wade and Nicoll.

The Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the Counties of Salem and Gloucester, praying an Amendment to the Act passed the fifth of June 1787, limiting Suits at Law respecting Titles of Land, was read a second time, and referred to Messrs Biddle, Clement and Hall, to report a Bill agreeably to the prayer of the said Petition.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Thursday, November 5, 1789.

The House met.

Mr. Rodgers returned and took his seat.

Mr. Wither Spoon from the Committee, appointed to take into consideration the

the present state of the Paper Money of this State, and the most probable means of raising the Value thereof; reported that the Committee are of Opinion the best and surest way of raising the Value of the Money, is by lessening the Quantity in circulation, and therefore propose the following method:

1st. That the Treasurer be directed to pay up five Years Interest on all Loan-Office Certificates, and four Years Interest on other Continental Certificates on which Interest has been paid in part by him, and that the remainder of the Money collected from the Revenue Tax, after affecting the above purposes all be cancelled. The Committee estimate that about £. 20,000 will be sufficient for the payment of the Interest as abovementioned, there therefore will remain £. 11259 5 0 to be cancelled.

2d. That as Congress have provided for the payment of the Invalid Pensioners, the Money appropriated by this State for that service shall likewise be cancelled after paying up the Pensioners to the first Day of March last, by which the Committee estimate that about £. 4000 will be destroyed.

The Committee further observe, that £. 5605 18 8 the Interest of the Loan-Office Money, will by the Laws now in force be paid in and cancelled by the first Day of January next, that it appears by the Treasurer's Letter of Yesterday, that the Sum of £. 6567 14 3 of the Principal of the Loan-Office Money has been paid in and cancelled, and it has been before stated to the House, that £. 1345 Money unappropriated has been likewise cancelled.

The Sums therefore Estimated to be drawn out of Circulation will be as follows:

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| Remainder of the Revenue Tax after paying up five Years Interest on Loan-Office Certificates, and four Years Interest on other Continental Certificates, | £. 11259 5 0 |
| Money appropriated for the Payment of Invalid Pensioners estimated at | 4000 0 0 |
| Principal of the Loan-Office Money paid in and cancelled, | 6567 14 3 |
| Unappropriated Money already paid in and cancelled, | 1345 0 0 |
| Interest on Loan-Office Money to be paid in and cancelled before the first Day of January next, | 5605 18 8 |
| Total, | £. 28777 17 11 |

The Committee further observe, that it is probable a considerable Sum of the Principal of the Loan-Office Money will be paid in and cancelled before the first Day of January next, which with the Sum lost in Circulation, it is probable will by the Adoption of the present Plan, reduce the Sum remaining in circulation on the first Day of February next to less than £. 100:000.

By order of the Committee,

JOHN WITHERSPOON.

Which was read and ordered a second reading.

Dr. Elmer from the Committee to whom the Petition of Captain Cornelius Hennion was referred, reported as follows:

That having examined the Facts set forth in the Petition of the said Cornelius Hennion, and the Papers accompanying the same, are of opinion that he is entitled to

to the Sum of ten Dollars per Month in addition to the Sum of ten Dollars allowed him by a Resolution of the Legislature of the eighteenth of June 1781, which Sums will amount to his half-pay, to which in the Opinion of your Committee, he is fully entitled agreeably to the first Section of an Act, intituled, ' An Act for the relief of Officers, Soldiers, Seamen, Widows and Children, &c. of such as fall in Battle or otherwise loose their Lives or Limbs in the Military or Naval Services, passed 10th of June 1779.'

By order of the Committee,

EBENEZER ELMER.

On the question whether the House agree to the said Report, it was carried in the Negative.

Mr. Davenport reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A Petition from Ephraim Pyatt of the County of Middlesex, praying the Legislature would take some Measures to replace to him certain Certificates which he alledged he had lost, was read and referred to Messrs Biddle, Bonny and Nicoll.

Ordered, That Messrs Blair and Newbold, be added to the Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, and that Mr. Hall do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint an additional Committee to join the Committees of this House for that purpose.

Mr. Hall reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The Bill intituled, ' An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Upper-Freehold, in the County of Monmouth and the Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, to repair their Highways by hire, and to raise Money for that purpose,' was read a second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The engrossed Bill intituled, ' An Act for the relief of Samuel Dowdney,' was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Townsend do carry the said Bill to Council for concurrence.

The Bill intituled, ' An Act to Authorize Commissioners to Build a Bridge over the North and South Branches of Dennis's Creek, in the County of Cape-May, and to lay out a Public Road from Thomas Leaming's Ship-Yard, and for other purposes therein mentioned,' was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Stillwell to whom was referred the Petition and Paroll of Captain John Price, reported as follows :

That it is the Opinion of your Committee, that the said John Price is not entitled to receive any compensation by Law from this State, for collecting the Tax for raising One Thousand State Troops for the Term of nine Months, in the Year 1779, as is set forth in his Petition, but from the Delinquents,

By order of the House,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

To which the House agreed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

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The House met.

Mr. Townsend reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The Bill intituled, ' An Act for Building a Bridge over Oldman's Creek Division-Line between the Counties of Gloucester and Salem, with a Causeway to ' and from the same,' was read a second time.

On the question whether the said Bill be Engrossed, it was unanimously carried in the Negative ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be dismissed.

The House resumed the consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable ' the Inhabitants of Upper-Freehold, in the County of Monmouth and the ' Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, to repair their Highways ' by hire, and to raise Money for that purpose,' which being further debated and amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Van-Cleve.

Mr. Speaker—The Council have ordered, that Mr. Woodhull be added to the Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, and that Messrs Haring and Mayhew, or either of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of counting and burning certain cancelled Loan-Office Monies now in the Treasury.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, praying that a Law may be passed that no Person may be allowed to draw a Sein within one mile from the mouth of the following Inlets, to wit ; Cranberry Inlet, Manasquan, and Shark River Inlets, from the first Day of September, until the first Day of January Yearly and every Year was read.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill to answer the prayer of their Petition, on Advertising the purport of the Bill they mean to present, ten Days previous thereto, in three of the most Public places in the Vicinity of the said Inlets.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, stating the Impropriety of passing a Law altering the Line of Partition between the Counties of Somerset and Middlesex, was read, and referred to be read a second time, with the Bill before the House for that purpose.

The Members withdrew to attend a Conference with the Council on the amendments proposed to the Constitution of the United States.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Friday, November 6, 1789.

The House met.

Mr. Nicoll from the Committee appointed by the Council and Assembly, to take into consideration the Articles proposed by Congress in addition to and Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and report thereon, having had a conference upon, and duly considered and discussed the Subject committed
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to them, have unanimously agreed to report and recommend it to their respective Houses, to Adopt and Ratify on the Part, and in behalf of the People of this State, the first, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth Articles of the Amendments so as aforesaid proposed by Congress, and by both Houses committed to them,

By order of the House,

JONATHAN DAYTON,
ISAAC NICOLL.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Biddle from the Committee to whom the Petition of Ephraim Piatt was committed, reported as follows :

That if the Proof offered be satisfactory to the House, that the Certificates have been lost, in their Opinion the Surplus Certificates given to said Piatt for the Sum of Seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Six pence, payable in Bills of Credit issued on the faith of this State with six per Cent. per Annum Interest, dated June 10, 1782, should be replaced, but the Certificate given by Jacob Martin to said Pyatt, for One Thousand Pounds, dated 19th January 1779, which expressly declares that it was given for two fat Cattle, which Sum when liquidated agreeably to the Scale of Depreciation, amounts to One Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds Two Shillings and Six pence Specie, which Sum we presume is so very large, we would recommend the consideration thereof to this House.

By order of the Committee,

JOSEPH BIDDLE.

Which report was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to Authorize the Keepers of the Gaols of this State, to receive and safe-keep all Prisoners committed under the authority of the United States,’ was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to alter the Time of holding the Annual Town-Meetings in the Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester,’ was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the preservation of Cranberries,’ was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Biddle, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. Outwater, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Benson, |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Marsh, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Elmer, |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Beardlee. |
| Mr. Little, | Mr. Hall, | Mr. Arnold, | |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Holme, | Dr. Elmer, | |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Hankinson, | |
| Mr. Wither Spoon, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Rutherford. | |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Swain, | | |

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The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the more easy Partition of Lands, held by Coparceners, Joint-Tenants and Tenants in Common, was read and compared.

Resolved, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to regulate the Pasturing the Lands, Meadows, and Islands in Common, lying on and adjoining a certain Beach, known by the name of Peck’s Beach, and for other purposes therein mentioned,’ was read and compared.

Resolved, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to change the Trustees for selling certain Lands late the Property of Lewis Johnson, Esq. deceased, and for completing the said Trust,’ was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to Authorize Commissioners to Build a Bridge over the North and South Branches of Dennis’s Creek, in the County of Cape-May, and to lay out a Public Road from Thomas Leaming’s Ship-Yard, and for other purposes therein mentioned,’ was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Outwater, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Benson, |
| Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Hall, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Condict, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Holme, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Little, |
| Mr. M’Dowell, | Mr. Wetherby, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Rodgers, |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Blair, |
| Mr. Wither Spoon, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Beardflee, | Mr. Newbold, |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. Rutherford. | Mr. Kitchel. |
| Mr. Biddle, | Mr. Anderson, | | |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Corshon, | | |
| Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Axford, | | |

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to Enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Upper-Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, and the Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, to repair their Highways by hire, and to raise Money for that purpose,’ was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. Outwater, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Biddle, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Benson, |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Newbold, |
| Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Cook, | Dr. Elmer, |
| Mr. M’Dowell, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Beardflee. |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Hall, | Mr. Arnold, | |
| Mr. Little, | Mr. Holme, | Mr. Elmer, | |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Hankinson, | |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Rutherford. | |
| Mr. Wither Spoon, | Mr. Swain, | | |

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Anderson do carry the said several Bills to the Council, and acquaint them that the same are passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Stillwell, with leave, and in behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Adam Pease with Elizabeth his Wife,' which Bill was read and ordered a second reading.

On Motion,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed for the purpose of settling the Quotas of the several Counties of this State, be Authorized to Revise the several Tax-Laws of this State, and to report such amendments as they may think necessary.

A Petition from Samuel M'Farson and David M'Farson, Executors of the last Will and Testament of John M'Farson, late of Kingwood in the County of Hunterdon, was read setting forth that the said Testator had in his life-time, entered into a contract with one Imla Drake for the Sale and Conveyance of certain Lands in Fee, and for the consideration in said Contract mentioned that they are not Empowered by any Words in the last Will and Testament of the said Deceased, to make a Title to the said Imla Drake for the said Lands, and praying leave to present a Bill for that purpose ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill agreeably to the prayer of their Petition, on Advertising the purport of the Bill they mean to present a copy of this Order for two weeks previous thereto, in three of the most Public Places in the Township of Kingwood.

Mr. Rutherford from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to Authorize the Agents of Forfeited Estates, to recover Debts due to this State in Virtue of the Attainder of certain Persons whose Estates have been Confiscated to and for the use of the said Person, on the Conditions therein Specified ;' reported the same with sundry amendments, and the following Title, to wit :

' An Act to Authorize Persons whose Estates have been Confiscated, or their Legal Representatives to demand and receive all Debts or Sums of Money which are due to this State in Virtue of such Confiscation,' which was read and the further consideration thereof postponed.

A Petition from Benjamin Morgan, Executor, &c. of Margaret Burt, who was Executrix, &c. of Axford Burt, setting forth that the said Axford Burt had demands against Fugitives in Virtue of Bonds given to him, and that he had received a Part thereof from the Treasury, and praying that the Treasurer may be directed to deliver him the Bonds, that he may take measures for the Recovery of the remainder, was read and ordered a second reading.

Ordered, That Mr. Witherpoon have leave of absence until Monday next.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

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Saturday,

Saturday, November 7, 1789.

The House met.

Mr. Anderson reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Two Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of this State, praying that the Supreme Court may be removed, and the Places for holding the same be alternately in Burlington and New-Brunswick, was read, and ordered a second reading, with the Bill now before the house for fixing the Places where the said Court shall be held.

A Petition of Benjamin Morgan read Yesterday, was read a second time, and referred to Messrs Marsh, Nicoll and Wade, to bring in a Bill to answer the Prayer of the said Petitioner, and any other in like circumstances.

Mr. Biddle from the Committee appointed for that purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act intituled an Act for the limitation of Suits respecting Titles to Lands,' which was read and ordered a second reading.

A Memorial from Joseph Hallet of the City of New-York, was read, stating his particular situation respecting his Property in New-Jersey, and praying leave to present a Bill to Empower and Enable him to recover Monies due him from Citizens of New-Jersey, notwithstanding the Inquisition which passed against him, where the Same have not by the Persons who owed him, been paid forward in Virtue of the Confiscation Act of this State to the Commissioners, for taking charge of Forfeited Estates, was read, and ordered a second reading, with the Bill to enable those whose Estates have been Confiscated, or their Legal Representatives to demand and receive all Debts or Sums of Money which are due to this State in Virtue of such Confiscations.

The Report of Mr. Witherspoon from the Committee, appointed to take into consideration the present State of the Paper Money of this State, was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Messrs Rutherford, Marsh and Davenport, be a Committee to prepare and present the Draught of a Bill agreeably to the said report.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Woodhull.

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the relief of Samuel Dowdney,' without amendment.

A motion was made by Mr. Davenport, and seconded by Mr. Swain, for leave to present a Bill to enforce the specific performance of contracts, and to repeal the Tender-Laws of this State under certain restrictions.

On the question whether leave be given for that purpose, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Corshon, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Benson, | Mr. Cook, |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Wade, | Mr. Kitchel, |
| Mr. Biddle, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. Condict, | Mr. Arnold, |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Hankinson, |
| Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Beardslee. |
| Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Stillwell, | |
| Mr. Cooper, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Little, | |
| Mr. Clement, | Mr. Rutherford. | Mr. Rodgers, | |
| Mr. Hall, | | Mr. Blair, | |
| Mr. Holme, | | Mr. Anderson, | |

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Arnold have leave of absence for Monday and Tuesday next, and that Mr. Nicoll have leave of absence until Friday Morning next.

The House adjourned until Monday next ten of the Clock.

Monday, November 9, 1789.

The House met.

Mr. Witherspoon returned and took his Seat.

A Petition from the Members of the Presbyterian Congregation at Princeton, praying for reasons therein set forth, that they may have leave to present a Bill to Authorize them to raise a Sum of Money by Lottery for the repair of their Church which was destroyed in a great measure, in consequence of the late War, was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House, a Letter from James Mott, Esquire, in the following words :

“ Perth-Amboy, November 6, 1789.

S I R,

BY a resolution of the Honorable the Legislature of the 22d November 1788, I am directed to issue a Certificate to Archibald Mercer, Assignee of Paul Schenck, for the Sum of £. 784 19 5 being a Debt adjudged to be due from the Confiscated Estate of Joseph Allen to the said Paul Schenck, which Certificate is to be issued agreeably to a Law passed December 23d 1783, which said Law requires me to take duplicate Receipts on the Mortgage, and file the same in the Treasury Office ; and as the abovesaid adjudged Demand in favor of Paul Schenck, is in Part on a Mortgage from Abraham Schenck, to the said Paul Schenck, which said Mortgage contains other demands against the said Abraham Schenck, and other Lands are thereby secured for payment thereof, therefore Mr. Mercer requests me to apply to the Legislature for leave on issuing said Certificate, after taking duplicate Receipts on the Mortgage agreeably to said Resolution, to return him said Mortgage to enable him to recover the other Debts thereby secured.

I would also mention, that difficulties are made in some Counties, relating to recovering the Money collected for Taxes out of the hands of the Sheriffs ; they say that the Town and County Collectors have no right to prosecute said Sheriffs for neglect of Duty, or for the Money in their hands which is payable to them at their Suits, but that it is the Treasurer's duty to prosecute said Sheriff. To me it appears very absurd, that the Treasurer should be required to prosecute the Sheriffs for neglect of Duty, when the Suit is commenced by, and the Money when recovered is payable to the Collector ; the Law directs that the Town and County Collectors are to prosecute Delinquents to effect, but as that part of the Law relating to prosecuting Sheriffs is not so explicit as the other parts, I wish it was more fully explained.

I have also to observe, that there is about Forty Thousand Pounds of the Taxes, that were ordered to be raised in Specie in the Year 1782 and 1783, payable
to

to the Continental Receiver now outstanding, and as James Ewing, the present Receiver, refuses to prosecute any of the Collectors who are deficient, and they neglect to pay, whereby the Money is liable to be lost, and whether it would not be proper for the State to appoint some Person to Receive said Arrearages of Taxes, and where necessary, to Prosecute for the same, and when Received, to pay it to said Receiver of Continental Taxes.

I beg leave also to mention, whether it is not necessary that some Person should be Authorised with discretionary Power, to purchase for the State at Sheriff's Sale, made at the Suit of the State, where the State has no other remedy to prevent the property being Sold for a Trifle, and the State thereby loose the Debts,

And am Sir, with due respect,

Your obedient humble servant,

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer.*

Ordered, That the first Paragraph of the said Letter, be referred to Messrs Marsh, Nicoll and Wade, to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Morgan.

Ordered, That the second Paragraph of the said Letter, be referred to Dr. Elmer and Mr. Hall, to bring in a Bill to remedy the evil complained of.

Ordered, That the third Paragraph of the said Letter, be referred to Messrs Anderson, Beardslee and Dr. Elmer.

Ordered, That the fourth Paragraph of the said Letter, be referred to Mr. Rutherford, Marsh and Davenport.

Mr. Wither Spoon from the Committee to whom the Petitions of George Hyde, &c. were referred, reported as follows :

THAT in their Opinion, leave should be given to bring in a Bill, directing that Notice should be given to the Creditors of the Petitioners, and all other Prisoners now in actual Confinement, that they must Maintain them while in Gaol, by paying to the Keeper of the Prison for their use, such Sums of Money as the House shall agree to, and that if the above allowance is refused or withheld at any Time for more than two weeks successively, then the Debtor or Debtors so deprived of maintenance, shall be set at Liberty.

By order of the Committee.

JOHN WITHERSPOON.

To which the House agreed.

Ordered, That the said report be referred to Messrs Wither Spoon, Newbold and Corshon, and that they bring in a Bill agreeably thereto.

Mr. Wither Spoon from the Committee appointed for that purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to ascertain the Grounds of Divorce from the Marriage-Bond,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Davenport from the Committee to whom the Petition of George W. Campbell was referred, reported as follows :

THAT although the Vouchers and Certificates to support the claim of the said Petitioner against the State, were all before the Legislature at their Sitting in Princeton, yet for reasons to your Committee unknown, the same Pa-
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pers are not here now. Your Committee therefore suggest the propriety of referring the said Petition to the next Sitting.

By order of the Committee,

FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

To which the House agreed.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. Biddle with leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to prevent Certioraries being brought into the Supreme Courts in this State, for any Sum of _____ and for other purposes therein mentioned,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Jones with leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for raising the Penalties on Delinquent chosen Freeholders, and to lay a Penalty on Justices for neglecting to attend the Board of Justices, and chosen Freeholders, and to repeal part of an Act, passed June the Eight, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty one, and for other purposes,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The report of Mr. Nicoll of the 6th Instant, was read a second Time, agreed to, and committed to Messrs Dr. Elmer and Jones.

A Memorial from Richard Stevens, and John Mehelm, in whom was Vested by Law, all the real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Sterling, was read, desiring instructions from the Legislature in what manner further to proceed, how to dispose of the Money in their hands, and how they shall be discharged from the Trust reposed in them.

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time, with the Bill before the House to repeal the Act, intituled, 'An Act for Vesting the Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Sterling, within this State in Trustees, &c.'

The Speaker laid before the House, a Letter from James Ewing, Esquire, Continental Loan-Officer for the State of New-Jersey, accompanied with an Account of the Arrearages of Taxes due from the several Counties in this State to his Office as follows :

Return of the Arrearages due from the several Counties in the State of New-Jersey, to the Receiver of Continental Taxes.

| | | | | | | | | | | Dollars | goths. |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--------|
| Bergen, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 935 | 59 |
| Essex, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,957 | 78 |
| Middlesex, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,566 | 60 |
| Monmouth, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17,493 | 6 |
| Burlington, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 16,274 | 5 |
| Gloucester, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Salem, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,213 | 48 |
| Cape-May, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Hunterdon, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 19,569 | 26 |
| Morris, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15,485 | 64 |
| Cumberland, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,432 | 88 |
| Suffex, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 11,087 | 58 |
| Somerfet, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 11,409 | 19 |

Doll. 110,425 61

Errors excepted.

JAMES EWING, C. L. O.

Which

November 2, 1789.

Which return was read and referred to Messrs Anderson, Beardlee and Dr. Elmer.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Ogden.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by the Council, to deliver to the House of Assembly the Bill intituled, ‘An Act for the preservation of Cranberries,’ and the Bill intituled, ‘An Act to regulate the Pasturing of the Lands, Meadows and Islands in Common, lying on and adjoining a certain Beach, known by the name of Peck’s-Beach, and for other purposes therein mentioned with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.’

The Bill intituled, ‘An Act for Vesting in James Rumsey, Esq. the exclusive Right and Privilege, of Making, Using and Vending divers Engines, Machines and Devices by him Invented or Improved for a term of Years therein mentioned,’ was read and dismissed.

The Bill intituled, ‘An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows, Marsh and Swamps, lying on Nacolt Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to make and maintain a Bank-Dam, and necessary Waterworks, to stop the Tide out of the said Creek, and to keep the Watercourse thereof open and clear,’ was read and dismissed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, November 10, 1789.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the preservation of Cranberries,’ was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to regulate the pasturing of the Lands, Meadows and Islands in Common, lying on and adjoining a certain Beach within the County of Cape-May, known by the name of Peck’s-Beach, and for other purposes therein mentioned,’ was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Cook do carry the said Bills to the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bills are passed by this House with their amendments.

Mr. Cook reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Mr. Marsh from the Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Morgan, brought in a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to Authorize the Treasurer of this State, to deliver certain Papers in his hands unto the Creditors of certain Fugitives and Offenders against the Laws of this State,’ which Bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Little with leave and in behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill intituled, ‘An Act to enable Peter Knott, Eldest Son, and one of the Administrators of the Estate of David Knott, deceased, to fulfil certain Contracts made by the said David Knott in his life-time,’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr.

Mr. Witherspoon from the Committee, appointed for that purpose, reported the Draught of the Bill intituled, ' An Act for the Registering of Marriages, Births and Deaths, when the parties, or their relatives may require the same,' which being read, was ordered a second reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hoops.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by the Council to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill intituled, ' An Act to change the Trustees for Selling certain Lands, late the property of Lewis Johnson, Esq. deceased, and for compleating the said Trust,' is passed by Council without amendment.

A Petition from the Medical Society of New-Jersey, praying leave to present a Bill for incorporating the said Society, was read.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill agreeably to the prayer of their Petition.

The Bill intituled, ' An Act to Authorize persons whose Estates have been Confiscated, or their legal Representatives, to demand and receive all Debts or Sums of Money, which are due to this State, in Virtue of such Confiscations,' was read a second Time, and after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to Messrs Kitchel, Davenport, Marsh and Rutherford.

Dr. Elmer from the Committee appointed for that purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill intituled, ' An Act to ratify on the part of this State, certain amendments to the Constitution of the United States,' which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 11, 1789.

The House met.

Mr. Jones from the Committee to whom No. 29 of the Papers from the Congress of the United States, laid before the House, being, ' An Act providing for the payment of the Invalid Pensioners of the United States, accompanied by a Message from the Governor, of the Twenty-Eighth ultimo,' was referred: reported as follows:

That not being able to possess themselves of the Documents necessary to afford the information required, they would suggest the propriety of Authorizing the Treasurer of this State, to make out an exact List of the Invalid Pensioners, agreeably to the form presented by the Secretary of the War-Office, in conformity to the said Act of Congress, or as near as may be, and forward the same to his Excellency the Governor, to be by him transmitted to the War-Office, on or before the First Day of March next.

By order of the Committee.

ROBERT-STRETTLE JONES.

To which report the House agreed.

Mr. Hardenbergh from the Committee appointed for that purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill intituled, ' An Act for keeping in repair the Bridge across the River Raritan, at a Place called the Raritan Landing,' which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr.

Mr. Marsh from the Committee, to whom was referred an order of Congress, No. 34 in the Governor's Message, reported as follows :

That your Committee have conferred with the Treasurer and Auditor on the business of their appointment, and find that the proper Vouchers to answer the request of the Secretary of the United States, are not in this Town, and do therefore recommend, that the said Treasurer and Auditor, be directed to transmit to the Executive of this State, the Accounts and Vouchers mentioned in the above said Order, and that the Order be delivered to them for their direction.

By order of the Committee.

DANIEL MARSH.

To which report the House agreed.

A Petition from Joseph Johnson of the State of New-York, praying to be reimbursed a Sum of Money which he has been obliged to pay to John Zabriskie, in Virtue of an Action brought against him in New-York, notwithstanding he has paid the amount of the Money that was due from him to the said John Zabriskie to the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates of the County of Bergen ; the said John Zabriskie's Estate having been Confiscated to the use of this State, was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, praying that a Law may pass to require the Overseers of the Highways of the said Township, to keep up a part of the Bank adjoining the Road from great Timber Creek Bridge, through the Meadows of the said Land for the benefit of the Road, was read, and committed to Messrs Cooper and Clement.

A Petition from the Citizens of Perth-Amboy, praying that they may be permitted to appropriate the Secretary's Office in the City of Perth-Amboy, for the use of a Grammar School, until the order of the Legislature to the contrary was read.

Resolved, That the Corporation of the City of Perth-Amboy, have the liberty of using the Secretary's Office in the said City, for the purpose of a Grammar School, until the further order of the Legislature. *Provided always*, That the said Corporation make such repairs as will be necessary thereon, and upon the future order of the Legislature, leave the same in good Tenantable repair.

Ordered, That Mr. Hankenson do carry the said Resolution to the Council, for their concurrence.

The Petition from Enos Seeley and William Kelsey, late Commissioners of Forfeited Estates, in the County of Cumberland, was read a second Time ; whereupon,

On motion, The House went into the following Resolution :

WHEREAS an Action was commenced by the State in April Term 1785, against Enos Seeley and William Kelsey, Esquires, for the Sum of £ 167 6 10, in the Supreme Court of this State, and a Judgment thereon rendered for £ 230 16 10, as appears by the Certificate of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, which said Judgment, was for the Sum of £ 63 10 0 more than the balance of their Account due to the State, and more than the Sum mentioned in the Copies to answer : therefore,

Resolved, That the said Sum of Sixty-Three Pounds Ten Shillings, be remitted unto them the said Enos Seeley and William Kelsey, and that the Sheriff of the County

County of Cumberland, be directed to receive from them in full discharge of the said Execution, the Sum of £. 167 6 10, with the Interest thereon, arising from the date of the Judgment and costs of Suit, and that the Treasurer do receive from the said Sheriff the said Sum in full discharge of the Action so brought as aforesaid.

Ordered, That Mr. Burgin do carry the said Resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Burgin reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Mr. Arnold returned and took his Seat.

Mr. Kitchel from the Committee, appointed to join a Committee of Council to receive from the Treasurer, Count, and burn the cancelled Money in his hands, brought in the following report :

Number and Denominations of the Bills of the Loan-Office Money issued in Virtue of an Act passed 26 May, 1786, which were cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders of the several Counties in this State agreeably to the aforesaid Act, and the Act passed 24th November 1788.

| Counties. | 120s | 60s | 30s | 15s | 12s | 6s | 3s | 1s | Amount.
£. s. | |
|-------------|------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|-----|------------------|----|
| Bergen, | 40 | 53 | 136 | 256 | 406 | 410 | 184 | 101 | 1194 | 5 |
| Essex, | 11 | 1 | 11 | 80 | 119 | 89 | 11 | 115 | 251 | 0 |
| Middlesex, | 36 | 60 | 105 | 174 | 255 | 180 | 162 | 46 | 917 | 12 |
| Monmouth, | 22 | 34 | 76 | 137 | 140 | 148 | 178 | 114 | 611 | 11 |
| Somerfet, | 18 | 22 | 47 | 116 | 215 | 111 | 97 | 49 | 510 | 16 |
| Burlington, | 28 | 41 | 91 | 196 | 371 | 268 | 240 | 130 | 920 | 0 |
| Gloucester, | 26 | 33 | 63 | 142 | 247 | 255 | 139 | 92 | 706 | 3 |
| Salem, | 4 | 12 | 24 | 21 | 61 | 64 | 80 | 51 | 182 | 2 |
| Cape-May, | 0 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 39 | 20 | 23 | 39 | 8 |
| Hunterdon, | 21 | 68 | 56 | 114 | 101 | 94 | 101 | 51 | 606 | 0 |
| Morris, | 14 | 25 | 32 | 43 | 122 | 93 | 54 | 31 | 350 | 0 |
| Cumberland, | 3 | 2 | 14 | 14 | 27 | 75 | 20 | 16 | 98 | 0 |
| Suffex. | 7 | 7 | 22 | 31 | 57 | 70 | 36 | 20 | 180 | 17 |
| Total, | 230 | 362 | 678 | 1331 | 2129 | 1896 | 1322 | 839 | 6567 | 14 |

Also in the following Bills, in the Revenue Money cancelled by James Ewing and Maskell Ewing, Esq's, the 23d October 1789.

| 120s | 60s | 30s | 15s | 12s | 7s6 | 5s | 3s9 | 2s6 | £. 340 0 | |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|--|
| 11 | 11 | 24 | 63 | 60 | 79 | 114 | 186 | 230 | | |

We the Committee of both Houses do hereby certify, That James Mott, Esq. Treasurer, has delivered to us the Sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-Seven Pounds Fourteen Shillings Loan-Office Money, cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders of the several Counties, and Three Hundred and Forty Pounds Revenue Money, cancelled by James Ewing and Maskell Ewing, Esq's, agreeably to the within statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the Committee,

PETRUS HARRING,
AARON KITCHEL.

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Mr.

Mr. Rutherford from the Committee appointed for that purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for cancelling part of the Paper Money of ' this State,' which was read and ordered a second reading.

The Bill intituled, ' An An to enable Peter Knott, Eldest Son, and one of the ' Administrators of the Estate of David Knott, deceased, to fulfil certain Contracts ' made by the said David Knott, in his life-time,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Harring.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, That the Bill intituled, ' An Act to Authorize the Keepers ' of Gaols of this State, to receive and safe-keep all Prisoners committed under ' the Authority of the United States,' The Bill intituled, ' An Act to alter the ' Time of holding the Annual Town-Meetings in the Township of Deptford, in ' the County of Gloucester,' The Bill intituled, ' An Act to Authorize Com- ' missioners to Build a Bridge over the North and South Branches of Dennis's ' Creek, in the County of Cape-May, and to lay out a Public Road from ' Thomas Leaming's Ship-Yard, and for other purposes therein mentioned,'
And

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—

On Account of arrears of Taxes levied in Continental Money, and reduced—
To Deficiencies due on the said Taxes November 1, 1787,

by the Counties of

| | Specie. |
|-------------|-------------|
| Bergen, | £. 379 11 9 |
| Essex, | 12 15 4 |
| Monmouth, | 1148 16 0 |
| Somerset, | 68 3 4 |
| Burlington, | 2896 11 9 |
| Salem, | 112 6 7 |
| Hunterdon, | 1602 5 9 |
| Morris, | 191 13 2 |

£. 6412 3 8

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—

On Account of Tax for raising £. 50,000 State Money—
To Deficiencies not paid in on the last
Settlement by the Counties of
State Money
& Certificates.

| | |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| Burlington, | £. 4017 15 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Suffex, | 578 19 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ |

£. 4596 14 8

And the Bill intituled, ' An Act for the more easy Partition of Lands held by Co-
' parceners, Joint-Tenants and Tenants in Common,' are passed by Council
without amendments.

The Bill intituled, ' An Act for raising the Penalties on Delinquents, chosen
' Freeholders, and to lay a Penalty on Justices, for neglecting to attend the Board
' of Justices, and chosen Freeholders, and to repeal part of an Act passed
' June the Eighth, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-One, for that
' purpose,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, November 12, 1789.

The House met.

Mr. Hankinson reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Mr. Davenport from the Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's Ac-
counts, brought in a Statement and Settlement of the same as follows :

—to the State of NEW-JERSEY, CR.

—to Specie, agreeably to an Account entered on the Minutes
November 28, 1788.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the Counties of Specie.

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|----|----|
| Bergen, | £. 266 | 14 | 11 |
| Monmouth, | 1148 | 16 | 0 |
| Burlington, | 2816 | 15 | 8 |
| Salem, | 112 | 6 | 7 |
| Hunterdon, | 1602 | 5 | 9 |
| Morris, | 191 | 13 | 2 |
| Balance carried to Account Current | 273 | 11 | 7 |

£. 6412 3 8

November 1, 1789.

By order of the Committees,

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

—to the State of NEW-JERSEY, CR.

—and Certificates due December 1, 1781.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by
the Counties of

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Burlington, | State Money |
| Suffex, | & Certificates. |
| | £. 3850 8 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| | 578 19 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Balance carried to Account Current, | 167 7 0 |

£. 4596 14 8

November 1, 1789.

By order of the Committees,

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

DR.

| | | JAMES MOTT, Treasurer— | |
|---|--|---|--------------|
| | | On Account of Tax for raising £. 50000 State Money— | |
| To Deficiencies not paid in on the last | | State Money | |
| Settlement by the Counties of | | & Certificates. | |
| | | Specie. | |
| Burlington, | | £. 1307 15 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ | £. 546 17 10 |
| Suffex, | | | |
| | | £. 1307 15 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ | £. 546 17 10 |

DR.

| | | JAMES MOTT, Treasurer— | |
|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| | | On Account of Tax for raising £. 50000 State Money— | |
| To Deficiencies not paid in on the last | | State Money | |
| Settlement by the Counties of | | & Certificates. | |
| | | Specie. | |
| Essex, | | £. 1370 11 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ | £. 245 18 8 |
| Monmouth, | | 44 2 2 | 1962 1 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Burlington, | | 1056 10 1 | |
| Hunterdon, | | 1133 14 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| Morris, | | 298 12 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| Cumberland, | | 1090 12 5 | 1658 1 9 |
| Suffex, | | | |
| | | £. 4994 2 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ | £. 3816 1 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

DR.

| | | JAMES MOTT, Treasurer— | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| | | On Account of Tax for raising £. 7500 Specie for— | |
| To Deficiency not paid in on the last | | Specie. | |
| Settlement by the County of | | | |
| Suffex, | | £. 232 10 0 | |

| | | |
|--|---|---------------------|
| —to the State of NEW-JERSEY, | | CR. |
| —and Certificates and £. 25,000 Specie, due April 1, 1782. | | |
| By Deficiencies not yet paid in by | State Money | |
| the Counties of | & Certificates. | Specie. |
| Burlington, | | £. 302 7 2 |
| Suffex, | £. 1307 15 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ | |
| Balance carried to Account Current | | 244 10 8 |
| | <u>£. 1307 15 3$\frac{3}{4}$</u> | <u>£. 546 17 10</u> |
| November 1, 1789. | | |

By order of the Committees.

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| —to the State of NEW-JERSEY, | | CR. |
| —and Certificates, and £. 25,000 Specie due July 1, 1782. | | |
| By Deficiencies not yet paid in | State Money | |
| by the Counties of | & Certificates. | Specie. |
| Essex, | | £. 245 18 8 |
| Monmouth, | £. 1370 11 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ | |
| Burlington, | | 1962 1 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Hunterdon, | 1056 10 1 | |
| Morris, | 879 16 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| Cumberland, | 298 12 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| Suffex, | 1090 12 5 | 598 11 8 |
| Balance carried to Account Current, | 298 0 11 | 1009 10 1 |
| | <u>£. 4994 2 8$\frac{3}{4}$</u> | <u>£. 3816 1 10$\frac{1}{2}$</u> |
| November 1, 1789. | | |

By order of the Committees,

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

| | | |
|---|--|-------------|
| —to the State of NEW-JERSEY, | | CR. |
| —Support of Government, due July 1, 1782. | | |
| | | Specie. |
| Amount carried to Account Current, | | £. 232 10 0 |
| November 1, 1789. | | |

By order of the Committees,

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—

On Account of the proportion of the first Payment—

To Deficiencies not paid in on the last Settlement by the

| Counties of | State Money. | Specie. |
|-------------|--|--------------------|
| Middlesex, | { <i>This Sum charged to the County of Middlesex</i> } £. 33 14 10
<i>by Virtue of a Resolut. passed Nov. 20, 1788.</i> | |
| Burlington, | | 210 15 11 |
| Hunterdon, | £. 317 19 2 | |
| Cumberland, | 312 16 4 | |
| Suffex, | 214 0 3 | 159 7 2 |
| | <hr/> £. 844 15 9 | <hr/> £. 403 17 11 |

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—

On Account of the proportion of the second Payment of—

To Deficiencies not paid in on the last
Settlement by the Counties of

State Money.

Specie.

| | | |
|------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Bergen, | £. 73 6 5 | |
| Middlesex, | 80 0 0 | |
| Hunterdon, | 406 11 8 | 103 17 5 |
| Suffex, | 568 14 9 | |
| | <hr/> £. 1128 12 10 | <hr/> £. 103 17 5 |

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—

On Account of the proportion of the second Payment—

To Deficiencies not paid in on the last Settlement
by the Counties of

Specie.

| | |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| Middlesex, | £. 300 0 0 |
| Burlington, | 475 6 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Hunterdon, | 1013 1 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Morris, | 906 18 8 |
| Suffex, | 1600 3 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | <hr/> £. 4295 10 10 |

—to the State of NEW-JERSEY, CR.
 —of Tax for raising £. 90,000 due October 1, 1782.

| By Deficiencies not yet paid in by
the Counties of | | State Money. | Specie. |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Burlington, | | | £. 210 15 11 |
| Hunterdon, | £. 317 19 2 | | |
| Cumberland, | 250 12 1 | | |
| Suffex, | 214 0 3 | | |
| Balance carried to Account Current | 62 4 3 | | 193 2 0 |
| | | £. 844 15 9 | £. 403 17 11 |

November 1, 1789.

By order of the Committees,

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

—to the State of NEW-JERSEY, CR.
 —Tax for raising £. 90,000 due January 1, 1783.

| By Deficiencies not yet paid in by
the Counties of | | State Money. | Specie. |
|---|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| Bergen, | £. 24 6 6 | | |
| Middlesex, | 80 0 0 | | |
| Hunterdon, | 20 19 1 | | |
| Suffex, | 568 14 9 | | |
| Balance carried to Account Current | 434 12 6 | | 103 17 5 |
| | | £. 1128 12 10 | £. 103 17 5 |

November 1, 1789.

By order of the Committees,

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

—to the State of NEW-JERSEY, CR.
 —of Tax for raising £. 90,930 due January 1, 1784.

| By Deficiencies not yet paid in by
the Counties of | | Specie. |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| Burlington, | £. 475 6 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ | |
| Hunterdon, | 988 1 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ | |
| Morris; | 542 11 10 | |
| Suffex, | 1600 3 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| Balance carried to Account Current, | 689 6 10 | |
| | | £. 4295 10 10 |

November 1, 1789.

By order of the Committees.

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—

On Account of Tax for raising £. 10,000 Specie for sinking—
To Deficiencies not paid in on the last Specie.

Settlement by the Counties of

Middlesex,

£. 30 0 0

Monmouth,

909 10 10

Hunterdon,

702 10 10

Suffex,

640 0 3

£. 2282 1 11

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—

On Account of Tax for raising £. 10,000 for support—
To Deficiency not paid in on the last Settlement Lawful Money.

by the County of

Monmouth,

£. 348 6 8

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—

On Account of Tax for raising a Revenue of £. 31,2595—
To Deficiencies not paid in on the last Lawful Money.

Settlement by the County of

Monmouth,

£. 1358 18 2

Suffex,

442 19 4

£. 1801 17 6

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—

On Account of Tax for raising a Revenue of—
To Deficiencies not paid in on the last Lawful Money.

Settlement by the Counties of

Middlesex,

£. 200 0 0

Monmouth,

245 12 9

Suffex,

714 7 1

£. 1159 19 10

| | |
|---|--------------|
| —to the State of NEW-JERSEY, | CR. |
| —£. 30,000 in Bills of Credit due December 1, 1785. | |
| By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the Counties of | Specie. |
| Middlesex, | £. 30 0 0 |
| Hunterdon, | 600 10 10 |
| Suffex, | 633 18 7 |
| Balance carried to the Old State Money Account Current, | 1017 12 6 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £. 2282 1 11 |

November 1, 1789.

By order of the Committees,
 JONATHAN DAYTON,
 FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| —to the State of NEW-JERSEY, | CR. |
| —of Government, due December 1, 1785. | |
| Amount carried to Account Current, | Lawful Money. |
| November 1, 1789. | £. 348 6 8 |

By order of the Committees,
 JONATHAN DAYTON,
 FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

| | |
|--|---------------|
| —to the State of NEW-JERSEY, | CR. |
| —in Bills of Credit, due December 1, 1785. | |
| By Deficiency not yet paid in by the County of | Lawful Money. |
| Suffex, | £. 369 14 8 |
| Balance carried to Account Current, | 1432 2 10 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £. 1801 17 6 |

November 1, 1789.

By order of the Committees,
 JONATHAN DAYTON,
 FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

| | |
|---|---------------|
| —to the State of NEW-JERSEY, | CR. |
| —£. 31,259,5 in Bills of Credit, due December 30, 1786. | |
| By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the Counties of | Lawful Money. |
| Middlesex, | £. 200 0 0 |
| Suffex, | 714 7 1 |
| Balance carried to Account Current, | 245 12 9 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £. 1159 19 10 |

November 1, 1789.

By order of the Committees,
 JONATHAN DAYTON,
 FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—

On Account of Tax for raising £. 12,500 for paying the—
 To Deficiencies not paid in on the last
 Settlement by the Counties of

| | | | |
|-------------|--------|---|----|
| Gloucester, | £. 101 | 6 | 0 |
| Cape-May, | 57 | 5 | 0 |
| Hunterdon, | 293 | 8 | 11 |
| Suffex, | 255 | 1 | 3 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| | £. 707 | 1 | 2 |

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—

On Account of Tax for raising a Revenue of—
 To Deficiencies not paid in on the last Settlement by the
 Counties of

| | | | |
|-----------|--------|---|----|
| Cape-May, | £. 48 | 0 | 10 |
| Suffex, | 295 | 3 | 9 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| | £. 343 | 4 | 7 |

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—

On Account of Tax for raising £. 4000 for—
 To the Quota's of the said Tax payable into the Treasury
 by the several Counties,

| | | | |
|-------------|---------|----|---|
| Bergen, | £. 268 | 8 | 0 |
| Essex, | 265 | 12 | 0 |
| Middlesex, | 326 | 3 | 0 |
| Monmouth, | 394 | 15 | 0 |
| Somerset, | 347 | 11 | 0 |
| Burlington, | 438 | 8 | 0 |
| Gloucester, | 318 | 2 | 0 |
| Salem, | 254 | 8 | 0 |
| Cape-May, | 59 | 17 | 0 |
| Hunterdon, | 538 | 11 | 0 |
| Morris, | 298 | 0 | 0 |
| Cumberland, | 142 | 16 | 0 |
| Suffex, | 347 | 8 | 0 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| | £. 3999 | 19 | 0 |

| | |
|--|---------------|
| —to the State of NEW-JERSEY, | CR. |
| —Interest on the State Debt due December 30, 1787. | |
| By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the Counties of | Lawful Money. |
| Hunterdon, | £. 244 0 8 |
| Suffex, | 171 13 5 |
| Balance carried to Account Current, | 291 7 1 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £. 707 1 2 |

November 1, 1789.

By order of the Committees,

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

| | |
|---|---------------|
| —to the State of NEW-JERSEY, | CR. |
| —£. 31,259,5 in Bills of Credit, due December 30, 1787. | |
| By Deficiency not yet paid in by the County of | Lawful Money. |
| Suffex, | £. 80 0 0 |
| Balance carried to Account Current, | 263 4 7 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £. 343 4 7 |

November 1, 1789.

By order of the Committees,

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

| | |
|--|---------------|
| —to the State of NEW-JERSEY, | CR. |
| —support of Government, due December 30, 1788. | |
| | Lawful Money. |

Amount carried to Account Current

£. 3999 19 0

November 1, 1789.

By order of the Committees.

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—

On Account of Tax for raising £. 12,500 for paying the—
 To the Quota of the said Tax payable into the Lawful Money.
 Treasury by the several Counties,

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| Bergen, | £. 839 14 0 |
| Essex, | 850 3 0 |
| Middlesex, | 1019 6 0 |
| Monmouth, | 1233 16 0 |
| Somerset, | 1086 5 0 |
| Burlington, | 1369 18 0 |
| Gloucester, | 994 3 0 |
| Salem, | 795 1 0 |
| Cape-May, | 187 5 0 |
| Hunterdon, | 1683 0 0 |
| Morris, | 929 8 0 |
| Cumberland, | 446 8 0 |
| Suffex, | 1085 13 0 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £. 12500 0 0 |

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—

On Account of Tax for raising a Revenue of—
 To the Quota of the said Tax payable into the Lawful Money.
 Treasury by the several Counties,

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| Bergen, | £. 2099 16 4 |
| Essex, | 2075 18 10 |
| Middlesex, | 2549 1 6 |
| Monmouth, | 3087 17 2 |
| Somerset, | 2716 7 0 |
| Burlington, | 3425 16 4 |
| Gloucester, | 2486 2 11 |
| Salem, | 1988 4 5 |
| Cape-May, | 468 4 6 |
| Hunterdon, | 4208 15 6 |
| Morris, | 2321 16 5 |
| Cumberland, | 1116 6 6 |
| Suffex, | 2714 17 7 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £. 31,259 5 0 |

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- to the State of NEW-JERSEY.
- the Interest on the State Debt, due December 30, 1788.

Lawful Money.

Amount carried to Account Current,
November 1, 1789.

£. 12,500 0 0

By order of the Committees.

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

- to the State of NEW-JERSEY,
- £. 31,259,5 in Bills of Credit due December 30, 1788.
- By Deficiencies not yet paid in by
the Counties of

CR.

Lawful Money.

Hunterdon,

£. 248 0 0

Morris,

85 10 0

Suffex,

334 15 6

Balance carried to Account Current,

£. 30,590 19 6

November 1, 1789.

£. 31,259 5 0

By order of the Committees,

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

AMOUNT OF DEFICIENCIES DUE FROM THE SEVERAL COUNTIES.

| ARREARS of TAXES. | | | | | | | | | | Levied in | | Sinking Fund | | Revenue Taxes | | State Debt Tax | | Support Tax | | State Debt Tax | | Revenue Tax | | Total Amount due to the Treasury. | | | | |
|---|--------|----|----|------|----|-----------------|------|----|------------------|-----------|----|------------------------------|------|---------------------------|---|--------------------|----|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|------------------|----|-----------------------------------|---|------|----|-----------------|
| Levied in Cont. Money and re-duced to Specie. | | | | | | | | | | Specie. | | Tax due Dec. 1, 1785 Specie. | | due in 1785, 1786 & 1787. | | due Dec. 30, 1787. | | due Dec. 30, 1788. | | due Dec. 30, 1788. | | Old State Money. | | Lawful Money. | | | | |
| Bergen, | £. 266 | 14 | 11 | 24 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 6 | 6 | 266 | 14 | 11 |
| Essex, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 243 | 18 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 245 | 18 | 8 |
| Middlesex, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 230 | 0 | 0 |
| Monmouth, | 1148 | 16 | 0 | 1370 | 11 | 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1370 | 11 | 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Somerset, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Burlington, | 2816 | 15 | 8 | 3850 | 8 | 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 2950 | 10 | 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3850 | 8 | 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Gloucester, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Salem, | 112 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cape-May, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hunterdon, | 1602 | 5 | 9 | 1395 | 8 | 4 | 988 | 1 | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 600 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1395 | 8 | 4 |
| Morris, | 191 | 13 | 2 | 879 | 16 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 542 | 11 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 879 | 16 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Cumberland, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 549 | 4 | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 549 | 4 | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Suffex, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3760 | 2 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2198 | 15 | 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 633 | 18 | 7 | 1164 | 1 | 9 | 171 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3760 | 2 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

£. 11909 16 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ £. 16777 1 8 $\frac{1}{2}$

| JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, | | DR. |
|---|---|-------------|
| 1788. | On Account of Cash received of fundry Persons. | |
| Nov. 19, | Received of Simeon Broadwell, by the Hands of Joseph Lewis, being the amount of two Years Interest he received on a Continental Certificate signed by Benjamin Thompson, No. 1812, for 113 30-90ths Dollars, which was issued on an improper Voucher and hath been since cancelled, | £. 5 2 0 |
| | John Stevens, jun. late Treasurer, on account of Orders drawn by him on fundry Persons, for which he is chargable agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature | |
| 1789. | passed December 23, 1783, | 260 2 2 |
| Jan. 26, | Dotto ditto, as settled by the Joint Committees of Council and Assembly November 21, 1788, with Interest to the present date, | 137 9 10 |
| 29, | Thomas Kenny one of the Securities of Walter Mould, by the Hands of Caleb Russell, Esq. being the sixth Quarterly Payment, due from the said Mould to the State for the privelege of Coining Coppers, agreably to an Act passed June 1st, and the Supplement there-to, passed November 22, 1786, with Interest thereon from the 1st June 1788, to the present Time, | 57 14 7 |
| April 23, | Abraham Schuyler, Esquire, late Sheriff of Middlesex County, by the Hands of David Olden, Esquire, on Account of Fines, | 4 2 0 |
| May 13, | John Hallinshead, Esquire, late Sheriff of Burlington County on Account of ditto, | 0 0 11 |
| 20, | Philip Hand, Esquire, late Sheriff of the County of Cape-May, by the Hands of Jos. Ellis, Esquire, on Account of Fines, | 3 0 0 |
| | Carried to Account Current, | £. 467 11 6 |
| November 1, | 1789. | |

By order of the Committees,
 JONATHAN DAYTON,
 FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

| JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, | | DR. |
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| 1789. | On Account of Cash received for Interest on Taxes. | |
| August 6, | Received of David Rhea, Esquire, late Sheriff of Monmouth County, by the Hands of Jonathan Rhea, on Account of Interest on the Revenue Tax, due December 1, 1785, it being part of an Execution now in the Hands of the late Coroner of the said County, against the said David Rhea at the Suit of the Treasurer, for the use of the State, | £. 44 16 4 |
| September 2, | Ditto on Account of ditto, | 242 10 5 |
| 28, | Barnes Smock, Esquire, late Coroner of Monmouth County, on Account of Interest on the Sinking Fund and Support Taxes, due December 1, 1785, it being | |
| | Amount carried forward, | £. 287 6 9 |

Amount brought forward, £. 287 6 9
 in part of an Execution in his Hand against David
 Rhea, Esquire, late Sheriff of the said County, at the
 Suit of the Treasurer for the use of the State, 247 1 4

Carried to Account Current, £. 534 8 1

November 1, 1789.

By order of the Committees.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, DR.
 On Account of Cash received for sundry Licenses, given by Virtue of an Act
 1789. passed November 24, 1786.
 January 1, Received of Amos Hutchin and Richard Handley, for a
 License to run a Line of Stages from Amboy to Bur-
 lington, for one Year from this date; £. 20 0 0
 Michael Dennison, Joseph Davis, Joseph Vandergrift,
 David Hamilton, Robert Stockton, John Gulick,
 Thomas Egbert, John Heard, Matthias Ward and
 John N. Cumming, for a License to run a Line of
 Stages through this State for one Year from this
 date, 150 0 0
 Robert M'Kean, for a License to run a Line of Stages
 from Amboy to Bordentown, for one Year from this
 date, 20 0 0
 18, Received of John Mercereau, by the Hands of Wil-
 son Hunt, for a License to run a Line of Stages thro'
 this State for one Year from this date, 150 0 0
 Amount carried to Account Current, £. 340 0 0
 November 1, 1789.

By order of the Committees.

JONATHAN DAYTON,
 FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, DR.
 On Account of Cash received of the Commissioners of the New-Loan-
 1788. Offices in the several Counties on Account of Interest.
 Dec. 26, Received of William Philips, one of the Commis-
 sioners for Hunterdon County, on Account of the second
 Years Interest on the Sum Loaned in said County, £. 150 5 9
 31, John Black, one of the Commissioners for Burlington
 1789. County, on Account of ditto, 227 9 6
 Jan. 1, Joseph Reading, Joseph Beavers and William Phillips,
 Commissioners for the County of Hunterdon, on Ac-
 count of ditto, 629 1 3
 2, Joseph Beavers, one of the Commissioners of Hunterdon
 County, ditto, 5 8 0
 Amount carried forward, £. 1012 4 6

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| 1789. | Amount brought forward, | £. | 1012 | 4 | 6 |
| Jan. 5, | Samuel Hugg, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Gloucester County, on Account of ditto, | | 465 | 6 | 6 |
| 7, | John Baker and Elijah Hughs, Esq's, Commissioners for Cape-May County, by the Hands of John Holmes, on Account of ditto, | | 86 | 15 | 1 |
| 8, | John Black, one of the Commissioners for Burlington County, on Account of ditto, | | 414 | 8 | 2 |
| 14, | Evi Adams, one of the Commissioners for Suffex County, on Account of ditto, | | 521 | 2 | 0 |
| 16, | John Runyon, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Middlesex County, on Account of ditto, | | 466 | 15 | 6 |
| 6, | Joseph Annin, Esquire, one of the Commissioner for Somerset County, on Account of the second Year's Interest on the Sum Loaned in the said County, | | 521 | 7 | 10 |
| 20, | John Outwater, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Bergen County, on Account of ditto, | | 374 | 18 | 2 |
| | John Condict, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Essex County, on Account of ditto, | | 398 | 9 | 4 |
| 24, | Hendrick Voorhees, one of the Commissioners for Monmouth County, on Account of ditto, | | 579 | 3 | 6 |
| 28, | John Holme, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Salem County, per Thomas Sinnickson, Esquire, on Account of ditto, | | 97 | 14 | 11 |
| | Edmund Wetherby, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Salem County, per Thomas Sinnickson, Esquire, on Account of ditto, | | 268 | 1 | 10 |
| | Joseph Reading, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Hunterdon County, by the Hands of Samuel Reading on Account of ditto, | | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| | John Mills, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Morris County, on Account of ditto, | | 437 | 8 | 9 |
| Feb. 4, | Isaac Wheaton and John Burgin, Esq's, Commissioners of Cumberland County, on Account of ditto, | | 214 | 5 | 5 |
| | John Outwater, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Bergen County, by the Hands of John N. Cumming, on Account of ditto, | | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| March 18, | John Black, one of the Commissioners for Burlington County, the balance of the second Year's Interest due on the Sum Loaned in said County, | | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| | Also, received of ditto, three Months Interest on £. 100 up to March 3, 1789, on which the equity of Redemption was foreclosed, | | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| April 6, | Samuel Hugg, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Gloucester County, the balance of the two Years Interest due on do. | | 11 | 17 | 6 |
| 8, | John Mills, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Morris County, per Joseph Lewis, the balance of the second Year's Interest, due on do. | | 8 | 13 | 8 |

Amount carried forward, £. 5911 7 10

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| 1789. | Amount brought forward, | £. 59 ¹¹ | 7 | 10 |
| April 8, | Also, received of ditto, three Months Interest on £. 145 up to March 3d, 1789, on which the equity of Redemption was foreclosed, | | 2 | 3 5 |
| 14, | Joseph Reading, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Hunterdon County, by the Hands of Ralph Phillips, for the second Year's Interest due on ditto, | | 2 | 2 0 |
| 28, | Abraham Schuyler, and John Runyon, Esquires, Commissioners for Middlesex County, per David Olden, Esquire, the balance of the second Year's Interest, due on ditto, | | 22 | 10 0 |
| May 1, | Peter Covenhoven, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Monmouth County, per Maskell Ewing, Esquire, the balance of the second Year's Interest, due on do. | | 13 | 1 0 |
| 19, | Ditto per Abraham Hendricks, three Months Interest on £. 217 up to March 3d, 1789, on which the equity of Redemption was foreclosed, | | 3 | 5 8 |
| July 22, | John Baker, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Cape-May County, the balance of the second Year's Interest, due on the Sum Loaned in said County, Also, received of ditto, three Months Interest on £. 29 14 up to March 3d, 1789, on which the equity of Redemption was foreclosed, | | 3 | 2 4 |
| | | | 0 | 8 11 |
| 29, | John Runyon, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Middlesex County, three Months Interest on £. 375 up to March 3d, 1789, on which the equity of Redemption was foreclosed, | | 5 | 12 6 |
| August 3, | John Outwater, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Bergen County, the balance of the second Year's Interest due on the Sum Loaned in the said County, Also, received of ditto, three Months Interest on £. 398 upto March 3d, 1782, on which the equity of Redemption was foreclosed, | | 23 | 17 7 |
| | | | 5 | 19 5 |
| 12, | John Holme and Edmund Wetherby, Esq's, Commissioners of Salem County per Thomas Sinnickson, Esq. on Account of the second Year's Interest due on do. | | 10 | 10 0 |
| | Amount carried to Account Current, | £. 6004 | 0 | 3 |
| November 1, | 1789. | | | |

By order of the Committes,

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, DR.
On Account of New Loan-Office Money received of the Commissioners of the New Loan-Offices in the several Counties, cancelled by their respective Boards of Justices and Freeholders.

1789. Received of William Phillips, one of the Commissioners
March 19, for Hunterdon County, a Sealed Bundle, certified to contain,

£. 606 0 0

Amount carried forward,

£. 606 0 0

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| Amount brought forward, | £. 606 0 0 |
| 1789. Robert-Strettle Jones, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Burlington County, ditto, | 920 0 0 |
| June 9, Joseph Annen and Abraham Staats, Esq's, Commissioners for Somerset County, by the Hands of Jaques Voorhees ditto, | 510 16 0 |
| July 4, Thomas Anderfon, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Suffex County ditto, | 180 17 0 |
| 22, John Baker, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Cape-May County ditto, | 39 8 0 |
| 25, John Smock, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Monmouth County ditto, | 611 11 0 |
| 29, John Runyon, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Middlesex County ditto, | 917 12 0 |
| August 4, Joseph Chapman, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Gloucester County ditto, | 706 3 0 |
| 12, Edmund Wetherby and John Holme, Esq's, Commissioners for Salem County, by the Hands of Thomas Sinnickson, Esquire, a Sealed Bundle, said to contain, | 182 2 2 |
| Oct. 23, John Mills, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Morris County ditto, | 350 0 0 |
| 24, John Outwater, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Bergen County ditto, | 1194 5 0 |
| 27, Isaac Wheaton, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Cumberland County, by the Hands of Robert Pierfon, jun, Esquire, ditto, | 98 0 0 |
| Jonas Wade, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for Essex County, two Sealed Bundles, certified to contain, | 251 0 0 |
| Amount carried to Account Current, | £. 6567 14 0 |
| November 1, 1789. | |

By order of the Committees,

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

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| JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of New-Jersey, | DR. |
| On Account of Notes or Certificates Received of sundry Persons. | |
| 1788. Received of Samuel Roberts, Esquire, Commissioner of Nov. 18, the Old Loan-Office for Morris County, by the Hands | |
| 1789. of Joseph Lewis, | £. 33 5 5 |
| Jan. 5, Joseph Buck, Esquire, Sheriff of Cumberland County per Eli Elmer, Esquire, on Account of Fines, | 21 17 0 |
| April 9, Ditto per John Mulford, Esquire, on Account of ditto, | 58 10 0 |
| Caleb Camp, Esquire, late Sheriff of Essex County, on Account of ditto, | 67 0 1 |
| 28, Abraham Schuyler, Esquire, late Sheriff of Middlesex County, per David Olden, Esquire, on Account of ditto, | 21 10 6 |
| Amount carried forward, | £. 202 3 0 |

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| 1789. | Amount brought forward, | £. 202 3 0 |
| April 28, | Received of Thompson Stelle, Esquire, late Sheriff of Middlesex County, per David Olden, Esquire, on Account of ditto, | 10 10 0 |
| May 13, | John Hollinshead, Esquire, late Sheriff of Burlington County, on Account of ditto, | 23 16 4 |
| Sept. 1, | Daniel Hendrickson, Esquire, Sheriff of Monmouth County, on Account of ditto, levied in 1787, | 11 2 0 |
| | Also, on Account of ditto, levied in 1789, | 10 6 3 |
| 4, | Joshua Corshon, Esquire, late Sheriff of Hunterdon County, on Account of Fines levied in 1782, | 57 9 10 |
| | Also, on Account of ditto, levied in 1787 and 1788, | 52 10 6 |
| Amount carried to Account Current, | | £. 367 17 11 |
| November 1, | 1789. | |

By order of the Committces,

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—
Account Current in—To amount of Notes or Certificates received of fundry Persons, £. 367 17 11
To amount of ditto received of the Agents of Forfeited Estates, 5653 7 11

£. 6021 5 10

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, DR.
 On Account of Notes or Certificates received of the Agents of Forfeited Estates.
 1789. Received of David Olden, Esquire, Agent of Forfeited
 April 11, Estates for Middlesex County, £. 1616 15 0
 May 5, Moore Furman, Esquire, Agent of Forfeited Estates for
 Hunterdon County, 32 4 11
 July 6, Joseph Gaston, Esquire, Agent of Forfeited Estates for
 Suffex County, 3059 10 9
 Oct. 8, David Olden, Esquire, Agent of Forfeited Estates for
 Middlesex County, 944 17 3
 Amount carried to Account Current, £. 5653 7 11
 November 1, 1789.

By order of the Committees,
 JONATHAN DAYTON,
 FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

—to the State of NEW-JERSEY, CR.
 —Notes and Certificates.

By amount of sundry Notes or Certificates examined and
 allowed, £. 6021 5 10

November 1, 1789.

WE, the Committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above, and the Vouchers relating thereto, do find the same justly stated.

JONATHAN DAYTON,
 FRANKLIN DAVENPORT,
 JONAS WADE,
 ELI ELMER,
 ROBERT-STRETTLE JONES,
 ELLIS COOK,
 ROBERT BLAIR,
 DANIEL NEWBOLD,
 BENJAMIN VANCLEVE,
 WILLIAM WOODHULL.

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—
Account Current in—

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| To balance due the State on Settlement Nov. 1, 1788, in Lawful Money £. 490 0 11 received at one for three on the Sinking Fund Tax, and not then exchanged, equal in Old State Money to £. | 1470 | 2 | 8 |
| To balance on Tax in State Money and Certificates, due December 1, 1781, | 167 | 7 | 0 |
| To ditto on ditto, due July 1, 1782, | 298 | 0 | 11 |
| To ditto on ditto, in State Money, due October 1, 1782, | 62 | 4 | 3 |
| To ditto on ditto, due January 1, 1783, | 434 | 12 | 6 |
| To ditto on the Sinking Fund Tax, due December 1, 1785, viz. £. 1017 12 6 Lawful Money equal to at one for three in State Money, | 3052 | 17 | 6 |
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| | £. | 5485 | 4 10 |

November 1, 1789.

WE, the Committees of Council and Assembly appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above, and the Vouchers relating thereto, do find a balance of Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-one Pounds Nine Shillings and Seven Pence Old State Money, and One Thousand and Sixty-seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Five Pence Lawful Money, received

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—
Account Current in—

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| To balance due the State in Lawful Money on Settlement November 1, 1788, | £. | 3725 | 11 | 9½ |
| To balance on Arrears of Taxes levied in Continental Money and reduced to Specie, | 273 | 11 | 7 | |
| To balance on Tax in Specie, due April 1, 1782, | 244 | 10 | 8 | |
| To ditto in ditto, July 1, 1782, | 1009 | 10 | 1 | |
| To ditto in do. for support of Government July 1, 1782, | 232 | 10 | 0 | |
| To ditto in Specie, due October 1, 1782, | 193 | 2 | 0 | |
| To ditto ditto, January 1, 1783, | 103 | 17 | 5 | |
| To ditto ditto, January 1, 1784, | 689 | 6 | 10 | |
| To ditto in Lawful Money for support of Government, due December 1, 1785. | 348 | 6 | 8 | |
| To ditto on the Revenue, due December 1, 1785, | 1432 | 2 | 10 | |
| To ditto on ditto, due December 30, 1786, | 245 | 12 | 9 | |
| To ditto on the State Debt ditto, due December 30, 1787, | 291 | 7 | 1 | |
| To ditto on the Revenue ditto, due ditto, | 263 | 4 | 7 | |
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| Amount carried forward, | £. | 9052 | 6 | 3½ |

—to the State of NEW-JERSEY,
—Old State Money.

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| Balance due the State in Old State Money, | 2281 | 9 | 7 | |
| Balance due the State £. 1067 18 5 Law-
ful Money received at one for three on the
Sinking Fund Tax, and not exchanged equal
to State Money, | £. 3203 | 15 | 3 | |
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ved at one for three on the Sinking Fund Tax and not yet exchanged, equal to Three Thousand Two Hundred and Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Three Pence Old State Money, remaining in the Hands of the said Treasurer, agreeably to the above statement.

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT,
JONAS WADE,
ELI ELMER,
ROBERT-STRETTLE JONES,
ELLIS COOK,
ROBERT BLAIR,
DANIEL NEWBOLD,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE,
WILLIAM WOODHULL.

—to the State of NEW-JERSEY,
—Lawful Money.

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| By amount of one Condit's Certificate received of John Black,
Collector of Burlington County, on Account of Arrears of Taxes
in Continental Money, and reduced to Specie, with his and the
Township Collector's Affidavits, | £. 76 | 0 | 0 |
| By amount of three Vouchers, No. 1, 2 and 3, for £. 20,414 17 6
Continental Money, paid to James Ewing, Esquire, Continent-
al Loan-Officer, which reduced to Specie at 175 for 1, is | 116 | 13 | 1 |
| By ditto of fundry ditto, from No. 1 to 30 inclusive, for Cash paid
in Lawful Money for one Year's Interest on Continental Loan-
Office Certificates, | 48 | 19 | 6 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 75 ditto, for ditto paid in ditto
for the second Year's Interest on ditto, | 553 | 9 | 0 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 117 ditto, for ditto paid in ditto for
the third Year's Interest on ditto, | 582 | 14 | 8 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 575 ditto, for ditto paid in ditto
for the fourth Year's Interest on ditto, | 6789 | 6 | 0 |
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| Amount carried forward, | £. 8170 | 5 | 3 |

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—

Account Current in—

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| Amount brought forward, | £. 9052 6 3½ |
| To balance on Support ditto, due December 30, 1788, | 3999 19 0 |
| To ditto on State Debt ditto, due ditto, | 12500 0 0 |
| To ditto on Revenue ditto, due ditto, | 30590 19 6 |
| To amount received of sundry Persons, | 467 11 6 |
| To ditto ditto for Interest on Taxes, | 534 8 1 |
| To ditto ditto for sundry Licenses, | 340 0 0 |
| To ditto ditto of the Commissioners of the New Loan-Office
in the several Counties on Account of Interest, | 6004 0 3 |
| To ditto ditto of ditto, being New Loan-Office Money can-
celled by their respective Boards of Juslices and Freeholders, | 6567 14 0 |

Amount carried forward,

£. 70,057 6 7½

| —to the State of NEW-JERSEY,
—in Lawful Money. | Cr. |
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| Amount brought forward, | £: 8170 2 3 |
| By ditto, of ditto, from No. 1 to 1009, ditto for ditto, paid in for
the fifth Year's Interest on ditto, | £. 8740 18 2 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 145, ditto for ditto, paid in ditto,
for one Year's Interest on Continental Certificates, signed by
Benjamin Thompson, Esquire, Commissioner, | 208 0 1 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 192, ditto for ditto, paid in ditto,
for the second Year's Interest on ditto, | 303 10 5 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 526, ditto for ditto, paid in ditto,
for the third Year's interest on ditto, | 4438 19 4 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 1298, ditto for ditto, paid in
ditto, for the fourth Year's Interest on ditto, | 7840 16 4 |
| By amount of sundry Vouchers from No. 1 to 26 inclusive, of
Cash paid in Lawful Money for one Year's Interest on Conti-
nental Certificates, signed by John Pierce, Esquire, Commis-
sioner, | 39 10 9 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 33, ditto for ditto, paid in ditto,
for the second Year's Interest on ditto, | 47 1 1 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 93, ditto for ditto, paid in ditto,
for the third Year's Interest on ditto, | 1030 13 2 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 189, ditto for ditto, paid in ditto,
for the fourth Year's Interest on ditto, | 3998 14 10 |
| By ditto of one ditto, No. 1 for ditto, paid in ditto for the fifth
Year's Interest on Continental Liquidated Certificates, | 30 0 2 |
| By ditto of sundry ditto, from No. 1 to 120 inclusive, for one
Year's Interest on Certificates signed by Silas Condit, Esquire,
Commissioner, | 715 8 5 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 235, ditto for ditto, paid in ditto,
for the second Year's Interest on ditto, | 4998 7 11 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 142, ditto for ditto, paid in ditto,
for one Year's Interest, given by the Commissioners in the se-
veral Counties, for Militia services, | 603 12 6 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 232, for ditto, paid in ditto, for
the second Year's Interest on ditto, | 1858 4 7 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 37, for ditto paid in ditto, for
one Year's Interest on Certificates given by the Treasurer, for
demands against Forfeited Estates, | 208 6 11 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 71, ditto for ditto, paid in ditto,
for the second Year's Interest on ditto, | 1040 10 0 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 8 to 42, ditto for ditto, paid in ditto,
for one Year's Interest on Depreciation Notes, | 550 11 4 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to 100, ditto for ditto, paid in ditto,
for the second Year's Interest on ditto, | 2947 19 10 |
| Amount carried forward, | £. 47,768 8 1 |

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—
Account Current in—

Amount brought forward,

£. 70,057 6 7½

November 1, 1789.

WE, the Committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above and the several Vouchers relating thereto, viz. No. 1, and from No. 1 to 3 inclusive, No. 1 to No. 30 do. No. 1 to 75 do. No. 1 to 117 do. No. 1 to 575 do. No. 1 to 1009 do. No. 1 to 145 do. No. 1 to 192 do. No. 1 to 526 do. No. 1 to 1298 do. No. 1 to 26 do. No. 1 to 33 do. No. 1 to 93 do. No. 1 to 198 do. No. 1 from No. 1 to 120 do. No. 1 to 235 do. No. 1 to 142 do. No. 1 to 232 do. No. 1 to 37 do. No. 1 to 71 do. No. 1 to 42 do. No. 1 to 100 do. No. 1 to 129 do. No. 1 to 41 do. No. 1 to 169 do. No. 1 to 6 do. No. 1 to 18 do. No. 1, do. 1, do. 1, and 2, do. 1, do. 1, and 2, do. 1, do. 1, do. 1 and 1, do find a balance of Four Thousand and Forty-nine Pounds and Three-pence Half-penny, due from the said Treasurer agreeably to the above statement.

JONATHAN DAYTON,
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT,
JONAS WADE,
ELI ELMER,
ROBERT-STRETTLE JONES,
ELLIS COOK,
ROBERT BLAIR,
DANIEL NEWBOLD,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE,
WILLIAM WOODHULL.

 £. 70,057 6 7½

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| —to the State of NEW-JERSEY, | | | | CR. |
| —Lawful Money, | | | | |
| Amount brought forward, | £. | 47,768 | 8 | 1 |
| By amount of sundry Vouchers from No. 1 to No. 129, inclusive for Cash paid in Lawful Money, for support of Government & Incidental Charges, | | 4205 | 18 | 6 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to No. 41, ditto for ditto, paid in ditto, on Warrants of Half-Pay, | | 1917 | 0 | 0 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to No. 169, ditto for ditto, paid in ditto, to Invalids on their Certificates from the Inspector, | | 1614 | 5 | 8 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to No. 6, ditto for ditto paid in ditto, for Principal and Interest on $\frac{1}{4}$ Notes of Depreciation, | | 220 | 2 | 1 |
| By ditto of ditto, from No. 1 to No. 18, ditto for ditto, paid in ditto, for one Year's Interest on Old State Money, | | 177 | 13 | 0 |
| By ditto of one ditto, No. 1 for ditto, paid in ditto, for taking up Deserters agreeably to an Act passed June 17, 1780, | | 6 | 8 | 0 |
| By ditto of one ditto, No. 1 for ditto, paid in ditto, for the Time of Servants enlisted in the Continental Army, agreeably to an Act passed May 28, 1777, | | 6 | 11 | 8 |
| By ditto of two ditto, No. 1 and 2, for ditto paid in ditto, to the Receiver of Continental Taxes for this State, agreeably to an Act passed June 9, 1783, | | 949 | 5 | 0 |
| By ditto of one ditto, No. 1 for ditto, paid in ditto, to Anthony Brodrick on a deposit of 36 Continental Certificates, signed by Benjamin Thompson, Commissioner, amounting to £. 1000 Principal, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature, passed the 8th and 9th of September 1788, | | 1000 | 0 | 0 |
| By amount of two Vouchers No. 1 and No. 2, for Cash in Lawful Money credited several Counties, being the Sums overpaid on Account of the Arrears of Taxes levied in Continental Money and reduced to Specie agreeably to an Account entered on the Minutes November 28, 1788, | | 223 | 10 | 11 |
| By amount of one Voucher No. 1, for Cash in Revenue Bills delivered to Samuel Tucker and James Ewing, Esquires, and cancelled by them agreeably to an Act passed November 24th, 1788, and burned by a Committee of both Houses November 27th, 1788, | | 1005 | 0 | 0 |
| By amount of one ditto No. 1, for Cash allowed on an Order drawn by John Stevens, junior, late Treasurer on William Abbot, Esquire, former Collector of Hunterdon County, | | 6 | 9 | 5 |
| By amount of one Voucher No. 1, for Cash in Revenue Money delivered to James Ewing and Maskell Ewing, Esquires, and cancelled by them agreeably to an Act passed 24th November 1788, and burned by a Committee of both Houses this present Sitting, | | 340 | 0 | 0 |
| By amount of one ditto No. 1, for Cash in Loan-Office Money, cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders in the several Counties, agreeably to the Acts passed May 26, 1786, and November 24, 1788, and burned by the Committees of both Houses this present Sitting, | | 6567 | 14 | 0 |
| November 1, 1789. | Balance due the State, | 4049 | 0 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | | £. | 70,057 | 6 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

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JAMES MOTT, Treasurer—
Account Current in—

To amount of 29 Notes of Depreciation, signed by John Stevens, jun. late Treasurer, remaining in the Hands of the Treasurer on the settlement November 1, 1788,

£. 1311 5 8½

Resolved, That the said Settlement is to this House satisfactory.

Ordered, That the several Vouchers accompanying the Treasurer's Accounts be transmitted by the Clerk of this House, to the Auditor of Accounts.

A motion was made that the House go into the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this State be directed to pay unto Ephraim Olden and Charles Thompkins, Clerks of the Treasurer, the Sum of Thirty Pounds each, for their extra Services in preparing the Accounts, &c. for the inspection of the Legislature this present Sitting.

On the question whether the House agree to the said Resolution, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Rogers, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Jones, |
| Mr. Witherspoon, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Benson, | Mr. Holme, |
| Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Wade, | Mr. Swain, |
| Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Condit, | Mr. Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Cooper. | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Elmer, |
| Mr. Clement, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Hankinson, |
| Mr. Hall, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Beardlee. |
| Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Speaker. | Mr. Blair, | |
| Mr. Townsend, | | Mr. Hardenbergh, | |

Ordered, That Mr. Outwater do carry the said Resolution to the Council for concurrence.

A Petition from William Leddle of the County of Morris was read, desiring that the Legislature would reject the Prayer of the Petition of Joseph King, presented the third instant ; whereupon,

Mr.

—to the State of NEW-JERSEY,
 —Notes of Depreciation.

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Remaining in the Hands of James Mott, Treasurer, 29 Notes of Depreciation, signed by John Stevens, Esquire, late Treasurer, amounting to

£. 1311 5 8½

November 1, 1789.

WE, the Committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above, do find Twenty-nine Notes of Depreciation, signed by, and received of John Stevens, jun. late Treasurer, amounting to One Thousand Three Hundred and Eleven Pounds Five shillings and Eight-pence Half-penny, remaining in the Hands of the said Treasurer, agreeably to the above statement.

JONATHAN DAYTON,
 FRANKLIN DAVENPORT,
 JONAS WADE,
 ELI ELMER,
 ROBERT-STRETTLE JONES,
 ELLIS COOK,
 ROBERT BLAIR,
 DANIEL NEWBOLD,
 BENJAMIN VANCLEVE,
 WILLIAM WOODHULL.

Mr. Condit from the Committee to whom the Petition of the said Joseph King was referred, brought in the following report :

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph King, beg leave to report,

THAT they find in Book S 5, page 296, that a Survey of Twenty-nine Acres, and Ninety-six Hundredths of an Acre, with the usual allowance for Highways was made by Thomas Milledge in his own right, at the request of Joseph King, in the Year 1766, which Land said King claims, and pleads payment in part of £. 5 6 0 by his Account of equal date with the Survey, and that he never received a Deed, why a Deed was not given him previous to said Milledge's joining the Enemy in the late War, which appears to have been nine or ten Years after the said Survey was made, is to your Committee unknown ; we are further informed, that the said abovementioned has already been Sold as the property of the State by the Agent of Forfeited Estates for the County of Morris, all which Documents and Circumstances as above stated, being duly considered, are not sufficient in the Opinion of your Committee to support the Facts set forth in the Petition, or induce the House to grant the Prayer thereof.

By order of the Committee,

JOHN CONDIT.

To which the House agreed.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be dismissed.

Mr. Outwater reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ' An Act for raising the Penalties on Delinquent chosen Freeholders, and to lay a Penalty on Justices, for neglecting to attend the Board of Justices and chosen Freeholders, and to repeal part of an Act passed June the 8th, 1781, for that purpose,' was read and compared.

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On the question whether the same do pass, is was Negatived as follows :

| Nays. | Nays. | Yeas, | Yeas. |
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| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Townsend, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Witherspoon, | Mr. Swain, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Axford, |
| Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Davenport, | Dr. Elmer. |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Cooper, | |
| Mr. Little, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Clement, | |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Hall, | |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Beardlee, | Mr. Holmes, | |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Rutherford. | Mr. Wetherby, | |

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable Peter Knott, eldest Son and ' one of the Administrators of the Estate of David Knott, deceased, to fulfil cer- ' tain Contracts made by the said David Knott in his Life-Time,' was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was Negatived as follows :

| Nays. | Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. |
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| Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Wade, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. M'Dowell, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Hall, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Little, |
| Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Holmes, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Rodgers, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Newbold, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Cooper, |
| Mr. Witherspoon, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Clement, |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Anderson, |
| | | Mr. Beardlee. | Dr. Elmer, |
| | | | Mr. Rutherford. |

Ordered, ' That the said Bills do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Dayton.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Council have concurred in the Resolution relative to giving Liberty to the Corporation of the City of Perth-Amboy, to make use of the Secretary's Office for a Grammar School, &c.

Mr. Cooper from the Committee appointed for that purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to empower the Overseers of the Highways ' of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester for the Time being, to uphold and ' maintain a part of the Tide-Bank on the South-East side of the Public Road, ' leading from the Bridge over Great-Timber-Creek, in the County aforesaid,' which was read and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Morris, praying that the Legislature would remonstrate to Congress, and represent to them the disapprobation of the Good People of that part of this State, to such extravagant Public Emoluments as have been enforced by the United States on their respective Officers, was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from James Board, late one of the Commissioners for the Sale of Confiscated property in the County of Bergen, and Catherine Kuyper, relict of Hendrick

Hendrick Kuyper, deceased, late also one of the said Commissioners, setting forth that they had lost Property by their exertions in the execution of their duty as Commissioners, accompanied with a number of Vouchers and Accounts setting forth the manner and amount thereof, which were read and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from James Parker, in behalf of Susanna Smyth, widow and relict, and Andrew Smyth, only Son of John Smyth, late of Amboy deceased, and the Petition of Phillip Kearney's, late of the County of Middlesex, and now of the County of Bergen, were read and referred to be read a second Time, with the Bill to Authorize Persons whose Estates have been Confiscated, or their Legal Representatives to demand and receive all Debts or Sums of Money which are due to this State in Virtue of Such Confiscations.

The House according to the order of the Day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the most probable measures of encouraging the Manufactures of this State.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Cook took the Chair of the Committee, and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Cook reported that the Committee had according to order, had the said Subject under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow Morning resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Subject.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Owners and Possessors of certain Marshes and Meadows in Lower Penn's-Neck, in the County of Salem was read, praying a repeal of the Act passed in the Year of Our Lord 1770, to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Marshes and Meadows in Lower Penn's-Neck, in the County of Salem, to drain the same, beginning at the fast Land of Ephraim Lloyd, and bounding on Salem Creek and Delaware River, to the fast Land of Thomas Newark; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris was read, praying for reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to Divorce Mary Bellengir from her Husband Christopher Bellen-gir, was read; whereupon,

The order of the Day being called for, the Bill intituled, 'An Act to ascertain the Grounds of Divorce from the Marriage Bond,' was read a second Time, and after some Time spent thereon was committed to Dr. Elmer, Messrs Kitchel and Davenport.

Mr. Elmer with leave, and in behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill intituled, 'An Act for Incorporating a number of the Physicians and Surgeons of this State, by the Style and Title of the Medical Society of New-Jersey,' which was read and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from John Allen, formerly Collector of the Township of Evesham, in the County of Burlington, praying to be relieved from the payment of a Sum of Public Money taken from him by Robbers; and also a Petition from a Commit-

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tee of the said Township in favor of the said Petitioner, accompanied with several Affidavits, to support the Facts set forth in the Petition of the said John Allen, were read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, November 13, 1789.

The House met.

Mr. Stillwell returned and took his Seat.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be Authorized to have Two Hundred Copies of the Proclamation, for observing the 26th Day of this Month as a Day of Public Prayer and Thanksgiving throughout this State, Printed in Hand-Bills at the expence of the State, and distributed as His Excellency the Governor shall think proper.

Ordered, That Mr. Condit do carry the said Resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Davenport from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to ascertain the Grounds of Divorce from the Marriage Bond,' reported the same with sundry amendments, which being read, was referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. Little from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Catherine Lawrence, reported as follows :

THAT in the opinion of your Committee, the Treasurer ought to be directed to issue a Certificate in favor of the Petitioner, for the Sum of One Hundred and Forty-two Pounds Eight Shillings and Three-pence, with Interest from the 24th Day of August 1784, if so much of the Estate of John Wardell is remaining in the Treasury.

By order of the Committee,

THOMAS LITTLE.

On the question whether the House agree to the said report, it was carried in the Negative ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petition be dismissed.

Dr. Elmer from the Committee to whom was referred the second Paragraph of the Treasurer's Letter, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Additional Supplement to the Act,' intituled, 'An Act to ascertain the Time and Mode of levying Taxes, and the better to enforce the Collection thereof,' which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the Township of Little Egg Harbour, in the County of Burlington, praying that a Law may pass to prevent the setting of Nets or other Devices in Little Egg Harbour River for the taking of Fish, was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from Negro Cato, late the Property of David Fitz Randolph, whose Estate was Confiscated to the use of this State, accompanied with a number of Vouchers were read, praying a Law to set him Free ; whereupon,

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Petitioner have leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of his Petition.

A Petition from Samuel Potter, setting forth that he stands in the Auditor's Office as a Delinquent to the State, and praying that the House would appoint a Day for him to attend to be heard on the State and Situation of his Accounts, was read :

Ordered, That he be permitted to attend the House on the first Monday in the next Sitting, for the purpose mentioned in his said Petition.

A Petition from William Oliver, late a Lieutenant in the Militia of this State, setting forth that he was Wounded in the Service of the United States, and praying an allowance as an Invalid, was read and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from Col. John Taylor and Major Richard Stillwell, of the 4th Battalion of Hunterdon Militia, praying that a Troop of Light Horse, may be Annexed to the said Regiment, and that Officers may be Commissioned with Authority to raise a Company for that purpose, was read and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. Hardenbergh with leave, and in behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for Incorporating the Town of New-Brunswick,' which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Condit reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Mr. Witherspoon from the Committee, to whom was referred the Petition from Debtors confined in the several Gaols, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the relief of certain Insolvent Debtors,' which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed to deliver to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Upper Freehold, in the County of Monmouth and the Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that purpose, with the Amendments made thereto by Council, and request their concurrence in the said Amendments.'

I am also directed Mr. Speaker—To acquaint the House of Assembly, that their Resolution for the Allowance of Thirty Pounds each to Ephraim Olden and Charles Thompkins, Clerks of the Treasurer, is disagreed to by Council.

The said Bill was read with the Amendments in their places agreed to by the House, and ordered to be re-engrossed with the Amendments.

The petition of Joseph Johnston, read on the 11th instant, was read a second Time : whereupon,

Ordered, That he have leave to present a Resolution to answer the Prayer of his Petition.

The House according to the order of the Day, Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Subject of the Manufactures of the State.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Cook took the Chair of the Committee—Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Cook reported that,

1st, In the Opinion of the said Committee the Taxes on Tan-Yards and Mulling-Mills, ought to be taken off.

2d, That the House should appoint five or more Members to report their opinion on the best and most probable mode of encouraging the Manufactures of this State.

The House agreed to the Second part of the said Report, and appointed Messrs Jones, Wither Spoon, Kitchel, Rutherford and Dr. Elmer, a Committee for that purpose.

Ordered, That the First part of the said Report be read again.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships in the County of Hunterdon, the Inhabitants of the Township of Upper Freehold in the County of Monmouth, and of the Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that purpose,' was read and compared.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. M'Dowell do carry the said Bill to Council, and inform them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Secretary, was laid before the House in the Words following :

Perth-Amboy, 13th November 1789.

" GENTLEMEN,

THE present mode of examining Witnesses in Causes depending in the Court of Chancery of this State, is not only exceedingly Expensive, but not so well calculated for the investigation of the Truth as that which is used in every other of our Judicatories which is in open Court, and in the presence of both of the Parties litigant.

I, As to the Expence.

1st, The Witnesses in the Court of Chancery, are all examined upon Written interrogatories, previously filed with the Examiner, both by the Complainant and Defendant, and the Answers of such Witnesses to every Interrogatory are reduced to Writing, not only as to what they can depose in favor of the Party producing them, but also of their non-knowledge of those Facts of which they are ignorant, if concerning such Facts there are any Interrogatories which scarcely ever fails to be the case.

2dly, Cross-Interrogatories are also filed by the adverse Party, that is to say by both Parties, as mutually adverse to each other for the purpose of inducing the Witnesses to declare such Facts as they would not be induced to declare by any of the Interrogatories filed by the Party producing them, and to which the Examiner are officially bound to adhere in questioning them without the liberty of proposing any other question for the farther elucidation of the Truth.

3dly, Of such Interrogatories, Cross-Interrogatories, and of the Depositions taken in consequence of them, Copies are made by the Examiner for the Council learned in the Law for each of the Parties.

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Hence it is easy to see to what an enormous Expence most of the Suits prosecuted in that Court, must inevitably amount, and this in reality is the principal if not the only cause of that Court's being more Expensive than any other Tribunal in the State.

- But for a stronger reason than the one already assigned, this mode of Taking the Testimony of Witnesses in that Court, appears to me, to require the interposition of the Legislature; because,

II, It is not so effectual for the discovery of the Truth, as that of examining the Witnesses in open Court, and in the presence of the Parties, which is the practice of all our other Judicatories.

1st, Because both Parties being present in those Judicatories, the Evidence given by a Witness produced by one of them, naturally leads his Antagonist so to cross-examine him, as finally to bring out the *whole* Truth, which, in the examinations in question, is the more difficult to affect, on account of its being for the most part utterly unknown by the adverse Party, what the Witness will depose before the Examiner.

2d, From the very countenance and demeanor of a Witness produced in open Court, not a little may be collected respecting his veracity, as when for instance, he appears on the one Hand, equally frank to answer all questions proposed by either of the Parties, or on the contrary, is very prompt and liberal in his communications in favor of the Party producing him, but must so to speak, be wire-drawn before he will declare any thing to the advantage of the opposite side, though equally in his knowledge, and equally bound by his Oath to do it, and consequently shewing a reluctance against declaring the *whole* Truth, and thereby proportionably invalidating his Testimony in the opinion of all the Spectators and Audience.

3dly, From the contrariety of the Evidence given, and which is the natural result of the present mode of examining Witnesses in Suits depending in the Court of Chancery it has in some cases been absolutely impossible for the Chancellor to satisfy himself relative to the Truth of certain Facts of the greatest importance to the determination of the controversy, and which he has therefore been obliged to refer to a Master of that Court for further examination, the additional expence of which reference, is very considerable.

I therefore think it my Duty, Gentlemen, to recommend it to the Legislature, to abolish the present practice of examining Witnesses in the Court of Chancery, and to adopt in the room of it, the practice of our Court of Admiralty of examining them in open Court, and in the presence of the Parties, a proper Officer of the Court taking down in Writing the substance of the Evidence, in order to prevent the misrepresentation of it upon the hearing of the Cause, and to refresh the Memory of the Chancellor when deliberating upon his Decree, or that the Legislature provide such other remedy in the premises, as they in their Wisdom shall think most conducive to the furtherance of Justice in the said Court.

WIL. LIVINGSTON."

Ordered, That the said Message be read a second Time, and that the Speaker do write to the Honorable John Chetwood, Esquire, to know what progress has been made by James Kinsey, Abraham Ogden and himself, on the Business referred to them at the last Sitting.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Hall and Mr. Cook, be a Committee to prepare and report a Bill for the support of Government.

Mr. M'Dowell reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A Petition from Anthony Broderick was read, praying that the Treasurer may have directions respecting the Payment of Interest to him on his Public Securities, the former order of the House not having been understood by him.

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

Mr. Rutherford from the Committee, to whom was re-committed the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to Authorize Persons whose Estates have been Confiscated, or their Legal Representatives, to Demand and Receive all Debts or Sums of Money which are due to this State in Virtue of such Confiscations, reported the same with sundry amendments, which being read and debated, was ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition of Phillip Kearney, read the 12th Instant, was read a second Time; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioner have leave to bring in a Bill to answer the Prayer of his Petition.

The Petition of James Parker, in behalf of Mrs. Smyth and Son, read on the 12th Instant, was read a second Time and dismissed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, November 14, 1789.

The House met.

The Petition of Major Samuel Reading, read the third Instant, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs Davenport, Dr. Elmer and Anderson, to report thereon.

Mr. Davenport, agreeably to leave given, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enforce the specific performance of Contracts, and to repeal ' the Tender Laws of this State, under certain restrictions,' which being read, was ordered a second reading.

A Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of the State, praying that the Legislature would not by any Law take off the Tender from the Loan-Office Money, was read, and ordered a second reading with the Bill now before the House for that purpose.

Three Petitions from a number of Inhabitants of the County of Bergen, Essex and Morris, praying that a Law may pass to Authorize them to dig a Canal for the more speedy draining the Water from the Low-Lands on the River Passaick, were read; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill on the second Wednesday in next Sitting, on giving Notice of their intention of presenting such a Bill, and Advertising the same with a copy of this Order, for at least three Weeks previous thereto, in three of the most Public places in the part of the Country where the Canal is to be dug.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Bergen County, praying an Alteration in the Election Law, was read, and referred to the Committee appointed to revise the Election Law.

The Bill intitled, ' An Act for Building a Court-House and Gaol in the County of Hunterdon, and for other purposes therein mentioned,' referred from the last Sitting, was read and ordered a second reading with the Petitions accompanying the same.

The Bill intitled, ' An Act for Incorporating a number of the Physicians and Surgeons of this State, by the Style and Title of the Medical Society of New-Jersey,' was read a second Time and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill intitled, ' An Additional Supplement to the Act intitled an Act, to ascertain the Time and Mode of levying Taxes, and the better to enforce the Collection thereof,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House agree to the Resolution Authorizing the Governor to have Two Hundred Copies of his Proclamation for Thanksgiving, printed, &c.

The House taking into consideration the report signed by Robert-Strettle Jones, relative to ' An Act providing for the Payment of the Invalid Pensioners of the United States,' passed by the Congress of the said United States, and the report of the Committee signed by Daniel Marshall, upon an order of Congress, that the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to apply to the Executive of the several States, for Statements of their Public Debts, and the Funds provided in whole, or in part, for the Payment of the Principal and Interest thereof; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer and Auditor be directed to make out an exact List of the Invalid Pensioners of this State, agreeably to the form prescribed by the Secretary of the War-Office, or as near as may be, and a return of the Officers, Widows or Orphans of any who have received from the State of New-Jersey, the seven Years Half-pay, stipulated by the Resolve of Congress of the 24th of August 1780, stating therein, the Rank and Time of the Officers Death, and the amount of the Annual Pensions paid to the Widows or Orphans, and the Year for which it has been paid; and also statements of the Public Debts of this State, and the Funds provided in whole, or in part, for the Payment of the Principal and Interest of the same, and transmit them to His Excellency the Governor, on or before the first Day of January next, to be by him forwarded to the Secretary of the War-Office, and Treasury of the United States.

To which the House agreed.

Ordered, That Mr. Rodgers do carry the said Resolution to Council for their concurrence.

The Petition of James Board and Catherine Kuyper, was read a second Time, together with sundry papers accompanying the same, and referred to Messrs Wade, Dr. Elmer, Outwater and Rutherford, to report thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. Kitchel have leave of absence until Monday Afternoon.

The House resumed the consideration of the first part of the report of the Committee of the whole House, respecting the propriety of Taxing Tan-Yards and Fulling-Mills.

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On the question whether the House agree thereto, it was carried in the Negative.

Mr. Outwater with leave, presented the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to issue a Certificate unto Joseph Johnson, of the County of Orange, in the State of New-York, for the Sum of Forty-one Pounds and Two-pence Principal, with Interest from the 27th Day of November 1784, in full of a Sum of Money paid to the Agent of Forfeited Estates of the County of Bergen, for the use of the State.

To which the House agreed.

Ordered, That Mr. Newbold do carry the said Resolution to Council for concurrence.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, November 16, 1789.

The House met.

Ordered, That Mr. Biddle have leave of absence on account of Indisposition.

Mr. Davenport to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to Empower the Overseers of the Highways of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, for the Time being, to Uphold and Maintain a part of the Tide-Bank on the South-East side of the Public Road, leading from the Bridge over Great-Timber-Creek in the County aforesaid,' reported the same with sundry Amendments, which was read, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Outwater in behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for transferring the residue of the Confiscated Personal Estate, late of Phillip Kearney,' which being read, was ordered a second reading.

Mr. Marsh with leave, and in behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for setting Free Negro Cato, which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of Hunterdon, praying an Alteration of the Election-Law, was read and referred to the Committee for revising the Election-Laws.

A Petition from a number of the Board of Justices and Freeholders of the County of Bergen, praying that the Time for holding Town-Meetings in said County may be altered, was read ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

A Petition from Elizabeth Van Derlinder, &c. and of Hanus Van Embergh, stating demands again Fugitive Estates, and praying Payment from the Treasury, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House took up the report of the Committee on the unfinished Business, and No. 30, being a Bill intituled, ' An Act for Incorporating a Seminary for the Education of Youth in New-Barbadoes, in the County of Bergen, by the name
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‘ of the Federal Academy of the County of Bergen,’ was read and ordered a second reading.

The Bill intituled, ‘ An Act to Authorize the Treasurer of this State, to deliver certain Documents and Evidences of Debts in his Custody, to the Persons to whom they originally belonged, or their Legal Representatives,’ was read, amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition of a number of Inhabitants of the County of Salem, which was read the 12th Instant, was read a second Time ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill on the second Thursday in next Sitting on giving Notice of their intention of presenting such a Bill as is prayed for by Advertisment, in three of the most Public places in Lower Penn’s-Neck in the County of Salem, three Weeks previous thereto.

The Petition of John Dennes was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Petition in favor of Mary Bellengir read the 12th Instant, praying a Divorce from her Husband, was read and dismissed.

A Petition from James Berrows, Joseph Bates, Michael Coon and John Herren, all of the County of Suffex. The Petitions of William Pells, Thomas Eaton, Jabez Sayre and Anthony Sayre, were read and ordered to be read a second Time with the Bill before the House for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

The House adjourned till three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Kitchel returned and took his Seat.

A Petition of Job Cain and Amos Young, Insolvent Debtors, praying relief from Confinement, was read and ordered to be read a second Time with the Bill on that Subject.

Two Petitions from Major John Vleet and Samuel Denman, praying payment of Interest, &c. on their Certificates, were read and referred to Mr. Marsh, Hall and Ebenezer Elmer.

The Petition from William Oliver, read the 13th Instant, was read a second Time and referred to Mr. Wade, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Burgin, to report thereon.

Mr. Davenport from the Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Major Samuel Reading, reported as follows :

THAT from the peculiar hard situation of the Petitioner, a Resolution ought to pass in his favor, directing the Treasurer to pay him the Sum of Eighty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings, being the amount of the Interest due on his said Certificates, and also the Sum of One Hundred and Forty Pounds in part of the Principal of the said Certificate.

By order of the Committee,

FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

To which the House agreed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Ellis.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by the Council to deliver to this House, a Bill intituled, ‘ An Act to repeal the second Section of the Act, intituled, An Act to repeal two certain Acts granting to the Secretary of this State, an Annual Salary ;
‘ and

‘ and also so much of a certain Act therein mentioned, as respects Fees to be taken by the said Secretary upon Commissions granted to Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers, and to desire the Concurrence of this House thereto,’ which was read and ordered a second reading.

On Motion,

Ordered, That if the House of Assembly should adjourn to meet on any particular Day, or the Speaker convene the General Assembly agreeably to an order of this House; the Legislature meet at the Town of Woodbury, in the County of Gloucester.

The Bill intitled, ‘ An act for incorporating the Town of New-Brunswick,’ was read a second Time, and after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Outwater with leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for altering the Time of holding the Annual Town-Meeting, in the County of Bergen,’ which was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, November 17, 1789.

The House met.

Mr. Wither Spoon returned and took his Seat.

On Motion,

Resolved, That this House doth rescind their Resolution of Yesterday, directing the meeting of the Legislature at the Town of Woodbury in the County of Gloucester.

A Motion was then made, that should the House of Assembly adjourn to meet on any particular Day, or the Speaker convene the Legislature pursuant to an order of this House, the meeting be at the Town of Woodbury, in the County of Gloucester; whereupon, the previous question being moved by Mr. Outwater, and seconded by Mr. Wither Spoon, to wit, Shall the main question be now put? It was carried in the Negative.

The Bill intitled, ‘ An Act for keeping in repair the Bridge over the River Raritan, at a place called the Raritan Landing,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from Francis Witt, praying Liberty to run a Stage between South-Amboy Ferry and Trenton, by the Cross-Roads through Kingston and Princeton, without paying the Revenue required by Law, was read and committed to Messrs Marsh, Hardenbergh, Bonny and Corshon to report thereon.

Two Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the State, praying that a Law may not be passed to repeal the Tender Laws on Paper Money in this State, was read and ordered a second reading, with the Bill for enforcing the Specific Performance of Contracts, and to repeal the Tender Laws of this State under certain restrictions.

Mr.

Mr. Wade from the Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of William Oliver, of the County of Essex, reported as follows :

THAT by the Act of Congress passed December 26, 1776, your Petitioner is entitled to a compensation for his Disability, provided an Adjudication from the Court of Quarter Sessions of the said County had accompanied the Petition, as required by an Act of the Legislature passed June 10, 1779, but as it does not appear that any such proceeding has been obtained, your Committee are of opinion, that the prayer of the said Petition should not be granted.

By order of the Committee,

JONAS WADE.

To Which report the House agreed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ' An Additional Supplement to the Act, intitled ' An Act, to ascertain the Time and Mode of levying Taxes, and the better to ' enforce the Collection thereof,' was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Newbold do carry the said Bill to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Newbold reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Mr. Wither Spoon reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The Bill intitled, ' An Act for Cancelling part of the Paper Money of this ' State,' was read a second Time.

An amendment was moved to the following, being the second section of the said Bill :

AND BE IT ENACTED by the Authority aforesaid, That the Treasurer shall lay the Surplus of the said Sum of £. 31,259 5 0 which shall remain in the Treasury after paying as aforesaid, before _____, Esquire, or any three of them, who are hereby authorized and directed to Cancel the same, and all other Sums which may be laid before them by Virtue of this Act, and to transmit from Time to Time to the Legislature of this State, an account of their Proceedings, and of the Sums, Numbers and Denominations of the Bills, and also the Bills Cancelled to be inspected and burned by a Committee of the Legislature, to wit, to insert the following Section :

And be it Enacted, That the Surplus of the said Sum of £. 31,259 5 0 which shall remain after paying as aforesaid, shall be retained in the Treasury of the State for the future direction of the Legislature.

On the question whether the House agree to the said Amendment, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Wade, | Mr. Holmes, |
| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Corlison, | Mr. Rogers, | Mr. Wetherby, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Townsend, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Swain, |
| Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Elmer, |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Rutherford, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Beardslee. | Mr. Hall, | |
| Mr. Wither Spoon, | | U | On |

On the question whether the House agree to the second Section, It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Witherspoon, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Townsend, |
| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Swain, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Elmer, |
| Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Rutherford. |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Hall, | |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Holmes, | |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Wetherby, | |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Beardlee. | | |
| Mr. Blair, | | | |

The House having gone through the said Bill,
Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Mayhew.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by the Council to acquaint the House of Assembly, that Council do disagree in the Resolution relative to remitting unto Enos Sealey and William Kelfay, the Sum of £. 63 10 0 &c.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Afternoon three of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 18, 1789.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Van Cleve.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by the Council to carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to Establish and Confirm the Charter, Rights and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for keeping in repair a Bridge across the River Raritan, at a place called the Raritan Landing,’ was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for incorporating a number of the Physicians and Surgeons of this State, by the Style and Title of the Medical Society of New-Jersey,’ was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yays. | Nays. |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Witherspoon, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Outwater, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Nicoll, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Cooper, |
| Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Hall, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Holmes, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Townsend, |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Wetherby, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Burgin. |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Beardlee, | |
| | | Mr. Rutherford. | |

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The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act for building a Court House and Gaol in the County of Hunterdon, and to raise Money for that purpose,' was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| <i>Yeas.</i> | <i>Yeas.</i> | <i>Yeas.</i> | <i>Nays.</i> |
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| <i>Mr. Outwater,</i> | <i>Mr. Rodgers,</i> | <i>Mr. Eli Townsend,</i> | <i>Mr. Wither Spoon,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Nicoll,</i> | <i>Mr. Blair,</i> | <i>Mr. Anderson,</i> | <i>Mr. Davenport,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Benson,</i> | <i>Mr. Hardenbergh,</i> | <i>Mr. Corshon,</i> | <i>Mr. Cooper,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Wade,</i> | <i>Mr. Jones,</i> | <i>Mr. Cook,</i> | <i>Mr. Clement,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Condit,</i> | <i>Mr. Newbold,</i> | <i>Mr. Kitchel,</i> | <i>Mr. Hall,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Marsh,</i> | <i>Mr. Holmes,</i> | <i>Mr. Arnold,</i> | <i>Mr. Axford,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Bonny,</i> | <i>Mr. Wetherby,</i> | <i>Mr. Hankinson,</i> | <i>Mr. Burgin,</i> |
| <i>Mr. M'Dowell,</i> | <i>Mr. Townsend,</i> | <i>Mr. Beardlee,</i> | <i>Mr. Elmer,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Stilwell,</i> | <i>Mr. Swain,</i> | <i>Mr. Rutherford.</i> | <i>Dr. Elmer.</i> |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Cooper do carry the said Bills to the Council for concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from Azariah Dunham, desiring the House would appoint a Committee with whom he may confer and state his Objections to the settlement of his Accounts with this State, as reported by the Auditor, which was read and committed to Messrs Hardenbergh, Rutherford, Davenport, Marsh and Cook, who are appointed to confer with Mr. Dunham, and to report their opinion respecting the said Accounts to the House.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a Letter from Aaron Dunham, Auditor of Accounts, stating a desire to communicate to the Legislature, the situation of some of the Public Accounts now under examination by the Officers of Congress, and requesting that a Committee may be appointed to confer with him on that Business ; which Letter was read and committed to Messrs Harbenbergh, Rutherford, Davenport, Marsh and Cook, who are appointed to confer with the Auditor, and to make report to this House.

Mr. Cooper reported that he had obeyed the orders of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act for cancelling part of the Paper Money of this State,' was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was Negatived as follows :

| <i>Nays.</i> | <i>Nays.</i> | <i>Yeas.</i> | <i>Yeas.</i> |
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| <i>Mr. Rodgers,</i> | <i>Mr. Holmes,</i> | <i>Mr. Outwater,</i> | <i>Mr. Wither Spoon,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Blair,</i> | <i>Mr. Wetherby,</i> | <i>Mr. Nicoll,</i> | <i>Mr. Anderson,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Hardenbergh,</i> | <i>Mr. Townsend,</i> | <i>Mr. Benson,</i> | <i>Mr. Corshon,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Jones,</i> | <i>Mr. Swain,</i> | <i>Mr. Wade,</i> | <i>Mr. Cook,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Newbold,</i> | <i>Mr. Eli Townsend,</i> | <i>Mr. Condit,</i> | <i>Mr. Kitchel,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Davenport,</i> | <i>Mr. Axford,</i> | <i>Mr. Marsh,</i> | <i>Mr. Arnold,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Cooper,</i> | <i>Mr. Burgin,</i> | <i>Mr. Bonny,</i> | <i>Dr. Elmer,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Clement,</i> | <i>Mr. Elmer,</i> | <i>Mr. M'Dowell,</i> | <i>Mr. Hankinson,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Hall,</i> | <i>Mr. Rutherford.</i> | <i>Mr. Stilwell,</i> | <i>Mr. Beardlee.</i> |

A Message from the Council by Mr. Woodhull.

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Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council, to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that Council agree to the Resolution directing the Treasurer to issue a Certificate to Joseph Johnson, for Forty-one Pounds and Two-pence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Ogden.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill intituled, ‘ An Act to empower the Overseers of the Highways of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester for the Time being, to Uphold and Maintain a part of the Tide Bank on the South-East side of the Public Road leading from the Bridge over Great-Timber Creek in the County aforesaid,’ is passed by Council without amendment.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hoops.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill intituled, ‘ An Act to Authorize the Treasurer of this State to deliver certain Documents and Evidences of Debts in his Custody, to the Persons to whom they originally belonged, or their Representatives,’ is rejected by Council.

The Bill intituled, ‘ An Act to ratify on the part of this State, certain Amendments to the Constitution of the United States,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, November 19, 1789.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to ratify on the Part of this State, certain Amendments to the Constitution of the United States,’ was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Holmes do carry the said Bill to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Anderson from the Committee, to whom was referred the third Paragraph of the Treasurer’s Letter, reported the Draught of a Bill intituled, ‘ An Act to Authorize the Treasurer of the State to collect the Deficiencies of Taxes made payable to the Continental Receiver of Taxes in this State,’ which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from Joseph Sinclair of the County of Hunterdon, was read and dismissed.

A Petition from John Dennis, praying that a Committee may be appointed to make a Final Settlement with him of his Accounts as Treasurer to the Convention, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting, and that on the second Friday of the next Sitting, Mr. Dennis be heard before the whole House on the Subject of their Accounts.

Mr. Wither Spoon from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of Council to draw up and report an Address to the President of the United States, reported the Draught of an Address as follows :

To -

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE Legislature of New-Jersey, although fully sensible of the trouble and interruption occasioned by the numerous addresses of congratulation, on your acceptance of the highest office in the Commonwealth, would neither forgive themselves, nor expect the pardon of their constituents, should they neglect in this their first meeting, after the organization of the Federal Government, to express their joy, on seeing you at the head of the United States.

New-Jersey having been the central theatre of the late war, and the scene of some of the most important military operations, which distinguished the American armies, and added new honors to their Illustrious Commander, we are particularly induced to commemorate those brilliant exploits, which while they immortalized your name, afforded peace and security to the Inhabitants of the State.

Adulation, Sir, we are as much indisposed to offer as you can be disinclined to receive ; but while we add our voice to that of the world, in celebrating your military achievements, we cannot refrain from acknowledging the attention, which you have always paid to the Laws of the State, and your inflexible perseverance, amidst all the dire necessities of war, in preserving the rights of the citizen to the convenience of the soldier ; thus while equal to the most renowned warriors as a Hero, you have proved yourself superior to them as a Citizen.

As New-Jersey was early and unanimous in adopting the Constitution, under which you rule—as every voice called you forth to the office of Chief Magistrate, and every person looks up to *it* and *you* for protection, prosperity, and good government, we may, we trust, assure you that the citizens of this State will, to the utmost of their abilities, ever strengthen and support you in the discharge of your high and momentous trust.

We have reason to adore the divine Providence, in raising up for us a Leader and Ruler, so perfectly suited to our situation and circumstances, and sincerely believe, that great and important as your services have been, you will not derive more honor therefrom, than from your humility and self-denial, in modestly ascribing all as you constantly have done, to the power and wisdom of the Most High.

We earnestly pray, that the same kind Providence, which has conducted you with so much honor to yourself, and such unspeakable felicity to the Public, may long continue you a blessing to the United States, in your present important office, and at last crown you with that palm of victory, which is promised to those, who by Divine assistance shall finally prove to be *more than conquerors*.

Which Address was read and ordered a second reading.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Harring.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by the Council, to deliver to the House of Assembly, the Bill intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows adjoining and contiguous to Woodruff’s Creek and Little Creek, to open, clear out, streighten and enlarge the same, and to make Sluices and Dams to keep out the Tide, and drain the said Meadow,’ and request the concurrence of this House therein.

I am also directed Mr. Speaker—To wait on the Assembly, and acquaint them, that Council agree to the Resolution relative to directing the Treasurer and Auditor to make out an exact List of the Invalid Pensioners of this State, returns of the Officers, Widows or Orphans, who have received seven Years Half-pay from this State, and also statements of the Public Debts of this State, and the Funds provided, &c.

The Speaker laid before the House a Warrant entitling Rachel Shores to receive the Half-pay of her Husband Peleg Shores, who died in the service of the United States, on which Payment and Indorsements have been made until there is no room for other Indorsements ; whereupon, a Warrant in lieu of the said Warrant was read, and ordered to be signed.

Ordered, That Mr. Corshon do carry the said Warrant to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Outwater agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ A Supplement to the Act, intitled An Act to Incorporate certain Persons, as Trustees in every Religious Society or Congregation in this State, for transacting the Temporal Concerns thereof,’ which Bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The Bill intitled, ‘ An Act to enforce the Specific Performance of Contracts,’ was read a second Time.

On the question whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Holmes, | Mr. Wade, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Condit, | Mr. Gorshon, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Cook, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Kitchel, |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Arnold, |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Hankinson, |
| Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Beardlee. |
| Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Witherpoon, | |
| Mr. Cooper, | Dr. Elmer, | | |
| Mr. Clement, | Mr. Rutherford. | | |
| Mr. Hall, | | | |

An Amendment was moved to delete the 1st Section, and insert the following in the place thereof:

Secl. 1. **B**E IT ENACTED by the Council and General Assembly of this State, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, there shall be a Specific Performance of all Contracts or Agreements, by the payment or delivery of the Article contracted or agreed for ; and in case of non-payment or non-delivery, and a Suit brought in any Court of this State in consequence thereof, that then Judgment shall be given in Specie, if the contract expresses the same, or otherwise in the Bills of Credit of this State, the Court, or Jury, first estimating the real value of such Bills at the Time of entering Judgment, and the real value of the Article or Debt at the Time of making such contract or agreement. *Provided always*, That nothing in this Act contained, shall be so construed as to contravene any Treaty between the United States and any Foreign Power, or to contravene the Constitution or Laws of the said United States.

And provided further, That the Bills of Credit of this State, commonly called the Loan-Office and Revenue Money, shall always be receivable at their nominal

minimal value, in all payments into the Treasury in all Taxes, and in the Loan-Office of this State, in the manner heretofore prescribed by Law.

On the question whether the House agree to the said amendment, it was Negative as follows :

| Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. | Yeas. |
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| Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Blair, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Townsend, |
| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Wither Spoon, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Swain, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Corihon, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Axford, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. Marth, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Elmer, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Hall, | Dr. Elmer, |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Holmes, | Mr. Rutherford. |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Beardflee. | Mr. Wetherby, | |

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Holmes reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The House resumed the consideration of the Bill intituled, ' An Act to enforce the Specific Performance of Contracts.'

An Amendment was moved to the 1st Section by striking out the words "*made or*," immediately after the word "*Contracts*."

On the question whether the House agree to the said amendment, it was carried in the Negative as follows :

| Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. | Yeas. |
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| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Wither Spoon, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Benson, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Condit, | Mr. Corihon, |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. Marth, | Mr. Cook, |
| Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Kitchel, |
| Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Arnold, |
| Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Hankinson, |
| Mr. Clement, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Beardflee. |
| Mr. Hall, | Mr. Rutherford. | Mr. Blair, | |
| Mr. Holmes, | | | |

An amendment was moved to the Bill to strike out the Preamble of the Bill which is in the words following :

WHEREAS, by the Constitution of the United States, it is among other things expressly declared, that no State shall pass any Law impairing the obligation of Contracts ; and Whereas, by the said Constitution it is further declared that the Constitution of the Laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof, shall be the Supreme Law of the Land ; and as the Good People of this State, have in Convention Assembled unanimously approved of,
and

and ratified the said Constitution, and are willing and desirous that the beneficent and laudable purposes intended by said General Government, should be duly and perfectly effected within this State.

On the question whether the House agree to the said amendment, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| <i>Yeas.</i> | <i>Yeas.</i> | <i>Nays.</i> | <i>Nays.</i> |
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| <i>Mr. Outwater,</i> | <i>Mr. Wetberby,</i> | <i>Mr. Nicoll,</i> | <i>Mr. Wither Spoon,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Wade,</i> | <i>Mr. Townsend,</i> | <i>Mr. Benson,</i> | <i>Mr. Anderson,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Hardenbergh,</i> | <i>Mr. Swain,</i> | <i>Mr. Condit,</i> | <i>Mr. Corshon,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Jones,</i> | <i>Mr. Eli Townsend,</i> | <i>Mr. Marsh,</i> | <i>Mr. Cook,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Newbold,</i> | <i>Mr. Axford,</i> | <i>Mr. Bonny,</i> | <i>Mr. Kitchel,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Davenport,</i> | <i>Mr. Burgin,</i> | <i>Mr. M'Dowell,</i> | <i>Mr. Arnold,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Cooper,</i> | <i>Mr. Elmer,</i> | <i>Mr. Stillwell,</i> | <i>Mr. Hankinson,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Clement,</i> | <i>Dr. Elmer,</i> | <i>Mr. Rodgers,</i> | <i>Mr. Beardflee.</i> |
| <i>Mr. Hall,</i> | <i>Mr. Rutherford.</i> | <i>Mr. Blair,</i> | |
| <i>Mr. Holmes,</i> | | | |

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Bill, intitled, ' An Act to Establish and Confirm the Charter, Rights and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth,' was read a second Time, and after some Time spent thereon :

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Wade with leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ' An Act to comply with the requisition of Congress of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-eight, and for other purposes therein mentioned ;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, intitled, ' An Act for altering the Time of holding the Annual Town-Meeting in the County of Bergen,' was read a second Time and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from Council by Mr. Dayton.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council, to wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the Bill, intitled, ' An additional Supplement to the Act, intitled An Act, to ascertain the Time and Mode of levying Taxes, and the better to enforce the Collection thereof,' is passed by Council without amendment.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Friday, November 20, 1789.

The House met.

Mr. Hall from the Committee, appointed for that purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill. intitled, ' An Act to raise the Sum of _____ for the support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to defray the contingent expences thereof, and to provide for the payment of the several Officers of Government for one Year, to commence the twelfth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-nine, and to end the twelfth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety,' which was read and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from David Rhea, Esq. late Sheriff of Monmouth, accompanied with sundry Vouchers, and setting forth that he had been Fined for neglect of Duty, and praying that the Fine may be remitted for reasons therein set forth, was read and ordered a second reading on Wednesday next.

A Petition from John Hart, praying to have an exclusive right of Selling by Auction, Goods, Wares and Merchandize in the Township of Newtown, in the County of Gloucester, was read and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from David Olden, Esq. Agent of Forfeited Estates, in the County of Middlesex, setting forth that previous to the late Revolution, sundry Escheats of Lots of Land was Forfeited to the King of Great Britain, and suggesting the propriety of Authorizing the Agents of the several Counties, to take charge of and dispose of the same to the use of the State, was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from Daniel Taber and others, praying that Daniel Taber, Daniel Hulet, John Slocum and Elizabeth Slocum, or a majority of them, may be Authorized to sell the Real and Personal Estate of Peter Slocum, deceased, and fulfil the intention of the Testator as declared in his Testament and Last Will, the Executors in the said Will being deceased.

Ordered, That they have leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for altering the Time of holding the Annual Town-Meetings in the County of Bergen,' was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Swain do carry the said Bill to Council for concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enforce the Specific Performance of Contracts,' was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was Negatived as follows :

| Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. | Yeas. |
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| Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Blair, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Wetherby, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Wither Spoon, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Townsend, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Swain, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Corrhon, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Axford, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Elmer, |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Hall, | Dr. Elmer, |
| Mr. Rogers, | Mr. Beardflee. | Mr. Holmes, | Mr. Rutherford. |

Ordered, That the said Bill do lie on the Table.

A Motion was made by Mr. Davenport, seconded by Mr. Clement, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Tender Laws of this State.—Whereupon, the previous

vious question being moved by Mr. Wither Spoon, seconded by Mr. Outwater, to wit, Shall the main question be now put? It was carried in the Negative as follows:

| <i>Nays.</i> | <i>Nays.</i> | <i>Yeas.</i> | <i>Yeas.</i> |
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| <i>Mr. Outwater,</i> | <i>Mr. Wither Spoon,</i> | <i>Mr. Nicoll,</i> | <i>Mr. Wetherby,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Benson,</i> | <i>Mr. Anderson,</i> | <i>Mr. Hardenbergh,</i> | <i>Mr. Townsend,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Wade,</i> | <i>Mr. Corshon,</i> | <i>Mr. Jones,</i> | <i>Mr. Swain,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Condit,</i> | <i>Mr. Cook,</i> | <i>Mr. Newbold,</i> | <i>Mr. Eli Townsend,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Marsh,</i> | <i>Mr. Kitchel,</i> | <i>Mr. Davenport,</i> | <i>Mr. Axford,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Bonny,</i> | <i>Mr. Arnold,</i> | <i>Mr. Cooper,</i> | <i>Mr. Burgin,</i> |
| <i>Mr. M'Dowell,</i> | <i>Mr. Hankinson,</i> | <i>Mr. Clement,</i> | <i>Mr. Elmer,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Stilwell,</i> | <i>Mr. Beardslee,</i> | <i>Mr. Hall,</i> | <i>Dr. Elmer,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Rodgers,</i> | <i>Mr. Speaker.</i> | <i>Mr. Holmes,</i> | <i>Mr. Rutherford.</i> |
| <i>Mr. Blair,</i> | | | |

A Message from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill intitled, ‘An Act to ratify on the part of this State, certain ‘Amendments to the Constitution of the United States,’ is passed by Council without amendment.

Mr. Rutherford with leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘An Act for cancelling part of the Bills of Credit of this State,’ which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Swain reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill intitled, ‘A Supplement to the Act, intitled An Act, to Incorporate ‘certain Persons as Trustees in every Religious Society or Congregation in this ‘State, for transacting the Temporal Concerns thereof,’ was read, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Princeton, read on the 9th Instant, was read a second Time and dismissed.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint Meeting, and being returned the Speaker resumed the Chair, and then

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, November 21, 1789.

The House met.

Mr. Hardenbergh from the Committee, appointed to consider and Report their Opinion, on what may be proper and competent for the Legislature to do in order to promote the Interest of Religion and Morality among all ranks of People in this State, reported as follows:

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THAT in the Opinion of your Committee, in order to promote the purposes of their appointment, it is proper and competent,

1st, That an Act be passed for the more effectual execution of the Laws against Vice and Immorality, which are now in force in this State.

2d, That as the execution of the Laws aforesaid, much depends upon the Moral Character of the Persons appointed for that purpose, particular attention ought to be paid by the Joint Meeting, to the Moral Character of Persons about to be appointed Judges of the Pleas and Justices of the Peace, and that too great a number of such Officers, appears productive of a greater number of frivolous and unnecessary Suits, and therefore ought to be avoided; and as the holding of their Courts at Taverns, Inns or Ordinaries, sums evidently attended with consequences pernicious to Civil Society; your Committee conceive these Evils ought to be prevented by reviving the 5th Section in the Act, intituled, 'An Act to extend the Power of Justices of the Peace, &c.' passed June 5, 1782.

By order of the Committee,

JACOB R. HARDENBERGH.

To which report the House agreed.

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to Messrs Hardenbergh, Witherspoon, Hankinson, Swain and Benson, to report a Bill agreeably thereto.

A Petition from James Shotwell, praying to have an Exclusive Right of selling by Auction, Goods, Wares and Merchandize in this State, was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from John Stevens, Esquire, accompanied with an Account stating Demands against the Estate of Joseph Barton, whose Estate has been Confiscated to this State, and praying that the Treasurer may discharge the same from the Monies in the Treasury of the Estate of the said Joseph Barton, was read, and committed to Messrs Wade, Dr. Elmer and Hankinson.

Mr. Kitchel with leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act Empowering certain Creditors to secure their Debts by Mortgage, and for other purposes therein mentioned,' which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The committee appointed to confer with the Auditor of the State, beg leave to report, That in a conference with the said Auditor, he stated to them that the Militia Accounts of this State against the United States, have been charged according to the Time of service of the said Militia, but that the United States will only allow this State for the Sums actually paid in that Account; that therefore it will be necessary to state the Bounties paid by the State to the Militia, and which were not before brought into Account, that the Bounties were paid in Continental Currency, and have not yet been reduced to specie value, and as all Vouchers of Accounts against the United States, must be produced before January 19th, 1790, the Auditor therefore wishes the assistance of additional Clerks to prepare them in season. The Auditor further requests, that all Vouchers in the Hands of the Treasurer, respecting payments made to Invalids or Widows, or in the Hands of the Inspector, or the Clerk of the Council or Assembly, respecting the disability or Widowhood of such Pensioners may be delivered to him; and that all Receipts or Vouchers of the delivery of Militia Notes, may be likewise transmitted to him, as they will be necessary to prove the Sums actually paid. The Auditor further
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informed, that the Board of Commissioners for settling Accounts between the United States and individual States, have not yet proceeded to business from the absence of one of the Commissioners who is hourly expected, or that from the importance and great amount of the Accounts to be exhibited by this State, the Auditor is very desirous that one or more Commissioners may be appointed to assist him. The Committee further state, that the Auditor is of opinion from information he received at New-York, that no allowance will be made this State for any Interest paid in Continental Certificates for the Year 1789.

By order of the Committee,

JACOB R. HARDENBERGII.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Stillwell agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable Daniel Taber, Daniel Hulet, John Slocum and Elizabeth Slocum, or a majority of them, to complete the Execution of the Testament and Last Will of Peter Slocum, deceased,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from John Chetwood and Abraham Ogden, Esq's, setting forth that they have in conjunction with Mr. Kinsey, made some progress in the Business to which they were appointed by a Resolution of the Legislature, and desiring some instructions respecting that Business from the House, and that a further Time may be given them to accomplish the same, was read, and committed to Messrs Davenport, Kitchel and Rutherford, to report thereon to the House.

Mr. Corihon reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Messrs Nicoll, Davenport and Kitchel, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill to lay a Tax of £. 12,000 to be collected in the Month of May next, to be applied towards sinking the Revenue Bills of Credit; and also to direct the cancelling certain other Monies, and to make the Mortgages in Loan-Office transferable.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill intituled, ' An Act for keeping in repair the Bridge across the River Raritan, at a place called the Raritan Landing,' and the Bill intituled, ' An Act for Incorporating a number of Physicians and Surgeons of this State, by the Style and Title of the Medical Society of New-Jersey,' are rejected by the Council, and that Council do agree to the Warrant of Half-pay in favor of Rachel Shores.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Middlesex County, setting forth that Bonds given in this State for Paper Money, are prosecuted in New-York, and specie received thereon, and praying that a Law may pass to Authorize Persons injured by such prosecutions, to recover their Damages from those who institute those Suits against them, was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Motion was made, That when this House adjourn for this Sitting, they adjourn to meet on a certain Day, to be especially appointed for their meeting.

On the question whether the House agree thereto, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Messrs Wither Spoon and Hardenbergh, have leave of absence until Monday Morning.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, on the subject of Fishing at the Mouth of Inlets, was read and ordered a second reading, with other Petitions heretofore presented on that subject.

The Bill intituled, ' An Act to Authorize the Treasurer of the State to collect the Deficiencies of Taxes made payable to the Continental Receiver of Taxes in this State,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to Establish and Confirm the Charter, Rights and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth,' which was debated and amended.

Ordered, That the said Bill with the Amendments, be read a third Time, and that the amendments be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, November 23, 1789.

The House met.

Mr. Hardenbergh returned and took his Seat.

The Speaker laid before the House, a Warrant entitling Mary M'Myer to receive the Half-pay of her husband Captain Andrew M'Myer, deceased, on which payment and endorsements had been made, until there is no room for other endorsements; whereupon,

A Warrant in lieu of the said Warrant was read and ordered to be signed.

Ordered, That Mr. Kitchel do carry the said Warrant to the Council for their concurrence.

The Bill intituled, ' A Supplement to the Act, intituled An Act for the Limitation of Suits respecting Titles to Land,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from Abraham Van Emborgh of the County of Bergen, setting forth that an Inquisition was had against him during the War, and his Estate became Forfeited, but that 43 acres of Salt Marsh formerly belonging to him, has not been sold by the Commissioners, and praying for reasons therein contained, that the Agent may be Authorized to convey the same to him, was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Middlesex, read on Saturday last, was read a second Time and dismissed.

The Bill intituled, ' An Act to enable Daniel Taber, Daniel Hulet, John Slocum and Elizabeth Slocum, or a majority of them, to complete the execution of the Testament and Last Will of Peter Slocum, deceased,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill intituled, ' An Act to Authorize Persons whose Estates have been Confiscated, or their Legal Representatives, to Demand and Receive all Debts or

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‘Sums of Money which are due to this State in Virtue of such Confiscations,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House, a Warrant entitling Ester Couch to receive the Half-pay of her husband John Couch, deceased, on which, payment and endorsements had been made, until there is no room for other endorsements; whereupon, a Warrant in lieu of the said Warrant, was read and ordered to be signed.

Ordered, That Mr. Kitchel do carry the said Warrant to Council for concurrence.

A Petition from James Drake was read and ordered a second reading, with the Bill for Incorporating New-Brunswick.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to raise the Sum of Pounds for the support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to defray the contingent expences thereof, and to provide for the payment of the several Officers of Government for one Year, to commence the twelfth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-nine, and to end the twelfth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety,’ was read a second Time. On the question whether the House agree to fill up the Blank in the title with the words *Ten Thousand*,

It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Rodgers, |
| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Corthon, | Mr. Beardlee. |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Axford, | |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Cook, | |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Hall, | Mr. Kitchel, | |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Holmes, | Mr. Burgin, | |
| Mr. M’Dowell, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Elmer, | |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Townsend, | Dr. Elmer, | |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Hankinson, | |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. Rutherford. | |

On the question whether the Governor be allowed a Salary of Six Hundred Pounds, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Hall, | Mr. Bonny, |
| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Holmes, | Mr. M’Dowell, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Rodgers, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Blair, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Corthon, | Mr. Cook, |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Kitchel, |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Arnold, |
| Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Hankinson, |
| Mr. Davenport, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Beardlee. |
| Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Rutherford. | On |

On the question what the Chief Justice shall be allowed, the Votes were as follows :

| For £. 400. | For £. 350. | For £. 300. | For £. 150. |
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| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Blair, | Mr. Rodgers, |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Arnold. | |
| Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Benson, | | |
| Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Wade, | | |
| Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Condit, | | |
| Mr. Clement, | Mr. Bonny, | | |
| Mr. Hall, | Mr. M'Dowell, | | |
| Mr. Holmes, | Mr. Stillwell, | | |
| Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Anderson, | | |
| Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Cook, | | |
| Mr. Swain, | Mr. Kitchel, | | |
| Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. Hankinson, | | |
| Mr. Gorshon, | Mr. Beardlee, | | |
| Mr. Axford, | Mr. Rutherford. | | |
| Mr. Burgin, | | | |
| Mr. Elmer, | | | |
| Dr. Elmer. | | | |

On the question whether the above two highest Sums shall be allowed, there not being a majority of the whole House in favor of either, it was carried for £. 400.

On the question whether the second Justice of the Supreme Court be allowed a Salary of £. 250 it was carried in the Affirmative.

On the question what shall be allowed for the Salary of the third Justice of the Supreme Court, it was carried for £. 250.

On the question what Salary the Treasurer of the State shall be allowed, it was carried for £. 300.

On the question whether the Members of Assembly shall be allowed 15s per Day, it was carried in the Negative as follows :

| Nays. | Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. |
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| Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Blair, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Newbold, |
| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Cooper, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Clement, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Hall, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Holmes, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Townsend, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Swain, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Beardlee, | Mr. Eli Townsend. |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Rutherford. | |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Axford, | | |

On the question whether the Members of the Assembly and Council, shall be allowed 12s per Day, it was carried in the Negative as follows :

| Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. |
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| Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Wade, |
| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Newbold, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Cooper, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Clement, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Hall, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Holmes, |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Wetherby, |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Townsend, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Swain, |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Beardlee, | Mr. Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Rutherford. | Mr. Elmer. |
| Mr. Davenport, | | |

Ordered,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to the Act, intituled An Act for the ' Limitation of Suits respecting Titles to Land,' was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Outwater, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Rutherford. |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Axford, | |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Cook, | |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Kitchel, | |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Hall, | Mr. Arnold, | |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Holmes, | Mr. Burgin, | |
| Mr. Rogers, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Elmer, | |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Townsend, | Dr. Elmer, | |
| Mr. Witherspoon, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Hankinson, | |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. Beardflee. | |

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable Daniel Taber, Daniel Hulet, ' John Slocum and Elizabeth Slocum, or a majority of them, to complete the ' Execution of the Testament and Last Will of Peter Slocum, deceased,' was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Nicoll, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Benson, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Jones, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Davenport, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Hall, |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Swain, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Holmes. |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. Hankinson, | |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Beardflee, | |
| Mr. Witherspoon, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Rutherford. | |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Axford, | | |

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to Authorize Persons whose Estates ' have been Confiscated, or their Legal Representatives, to demand and receive all ' Debts or Sums of Money which are due to this State in Virtue of such Confisca- ' tions,' was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled ' An Act empowering certain Creditors to secure ' their Debts by Mortgage, and for other purposes therein mentioned,' was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, An Act to Authorize the Treasurer of the State ' to collect the deficiency of Taxes made payable to the Continental Receiver of ' Taxes in this State,' was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Kitchel do carry the said Bills to Council for concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act for transferring the residue of the Confiscated Personal Estate late of Philip Kearney, John Thompson and Peter Brown,' was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the Negative as follows :

| Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. | Yeas. |
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| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Holmes, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Wetherby, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Witherpoon, | Mr. Swain, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Corshon, |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Arnold, |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Beardlee. | Mr. Cooper, | Dr. Elmer, |
| Mr. Hall, | | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Rutherford. |

A Petition from John Perine of the County of Monmouth, praying that the Legislature would take some measures to compensate him for the losses he sustained in consequence of his removing into the British Lines during the late War, was read and dismissed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, November 24, 1789.

The House met.

Mr. Wade from the Committee, to whom were referred the Petition of James Board and Catherine Kuyper, reported as follows :

THAT the said James Board has stated an Account of £. 171 6 6 as the amount of a Judgment and costs of Suits recovered against him as Commissioner of Confiscated Estates, for selling Property which he supposed to be Forfeited, and which since appears, belonged to another Person : that as the said James Board acted in the line of his duty as an Officer of this State while selling the Property, and as he has since appeared to have taken every measure to inquire into the propriety of the demand against him, your Committee are of opinion that he should be paid the Sum which he has expended ; but as he has not at present exhibited Vouchers to prove the expenditure of £. 21 15 10 part of the said Sum of £. 171 6 6 your Committee thinks he should receive at present only the Sum of £. 149 10 8 and they recommend a Resolution of this House directing the Treasurer to make such payment.

By order of the Committee,

JONAS WADE.

Ordered, That the said report be read a second Time.

Mr. Kitchel reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to the Act, intituled An Act, to incorporate certain Persons as Trustees in every Religious Society or Congregation in this State, for transacting the Temporal Concerns thereof,' was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

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The engrossed Bill, intituled ' An Act for setting free Negro Cato,' was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Elmer do carry the said Bills to Council for concurrence.

A Message from Council, by Mr. Ellis.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that Council agree to the Warrants entitling Mary M'Myer and Ester Couch, to draw the amount of their late husband's Half-pay, and to deliver the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for altering the Time of holding the Annual Town-Meetings in the County of Bergen,' with the amendment made thereto by Council, and request their concurrence in the said amendment.

Agreed that this House will adjourn on Monday next, to meet at Amboy, on the third Tuesday in May next.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, shewing that Lydia Whitlock, relict of John Whitlock, receives the Half-pay of a Lieutenant, when her husband was no other than a Sarjeant, and offering to prove the same to the satisfaction of the Legislature.

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time, on the second Monday in the next Sitting, and that the Petitioners give Mrs. Whitlock notice of the application, and that the House will hear Testimony respecting that Business on that Day.

The Petition from Anthony Broderick, read on the 13th Instant, was read a second Time, and dismissed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Wade from the Committee, to whom the Petition of John Stevens, Esq. with the Papers accompanying the same, were referred, reported as follows:

THAT they find a balance due from the Forfeited Estates of Joseph Barton, late a fugitive with the British Troops, to the said John Stevens, of Ninety-one Pounds One Shilling and Four-pence, but that he is by an Act of the Legislature passed 23d December 1783, precluded from receiving the same: However, as the demand appears to be just, your Committee suggest the propriety of a Resolution to Authorize the Treasurer to issue a Certificate to the said John Stevens, for the Sum of Ninety-one Pounds One Shilling and Four-pence, with Interest from this Day, if so much of the Estate of the said Joseph Barton should be in the Hands of the said Treasurer.

By order of the Committee,

JONAS WADE.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. Rutherford with leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to repeal an Act, intituled An Act, to procure an estimate of the Damages sustained by the Inhabitants of this State, from the waste and spoil committed by the Troops in the service of the Enemy and their Adherents, by the Continental Army, or by the Militia of this or of the neighbouring States,' which was read and ordered a second reading.

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Mr. Davenport from the Committee, to whom was referred the Letter from the Honorable John Chetwood and Abraham Ogden, Esq's, who in conjunction with the Hon. James Kinsey, Esq. were appointed by a Resolution of both Houses of the Legislature of December 1, 1788, to revise and make such alterations as should appear necessary in the Act of Assembly referred to them, passed February 18, 1747-8, having had the subject under their consideration, reported as follows :

THAT in their opinion, in addition to the power given to the said Gentlemen, by the abovementioned Resolution, the following ought to be added as the Act of both branches of the Legislature, to wit ;

Resolved, That the said James Kinsey, John Chetwood and Abraham Ogden, Esquires, be authorized and directed to consider the present mode of Examining Witnesses by interrogatories in the Court of Chancery of this State, and recommend in the room thereof such other as will be best calculated to investigate Truth, and yet lessen the expence of such elucidation, that they in general, make a revision of all Fees and Costs to be demanded and received by the Judges, Justices, Counsellors and Attorneys at Law, Sheriffs, Coroners and other Officers of any Court of Law or Equity within this State, and that they revise the practice of the Common Law Courts, making such alterations therein as will best suit the present situation of the State.—Your Committee beg leave further to report, That the said Gentlemen be authorized to review the Act of Assembly, intituled, ' An Act to ascertain the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogate, to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphan's Court in the several Counties of the State,' passed December 16, 1784, and the Supplement thereto, passed March 22, 1786, and that they report to the Legislature at the next Sitting, after such general revision of the subject recommended to them shall take place.

By order of the Committee,

FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

To which the House agreed.

Ordered, That Mr. Beardlee do carry the said report to the Council for their agreement thereto.

Mr. Elmer reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The Bill intituled, ' An Act to Establish and Confirm the Charter, Right and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth,' with the amendments made thereto, was read a third Time.

On the question whether the same as amended do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| <i>Yeas.</i> | <i>Yeas.</i> | <i>Nays.</i> | <i>Nays.</i> |
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| Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Condit, | Mr. Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Axford, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Witherspoon, | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Hall, | Mr. Rutherford. |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Holmes, | |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Wetherby, | |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Townsend, | |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Swain, | |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Dr. Elmer, | | |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Hankinson, | | |
| Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Beardlee. | | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Nicoll do carry the said Bill and amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, that the said Bill as amended is passed, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

Mr. Davenport with leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to render more Permanent the Salaries allowed to the Justices of the Supreme Court,' which was read and ordered a second reading.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from Francis Witt, praying permission to run a Stage from South-Amboy to Trenton, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Outwater with leave, and in behalf of Philip Kearney, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for transferring the residue of the Confiscated Personal Estate late of Philip Kearney,' which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill intituled, ' An Act to repeal the second Section of the Act, intituled An Act, to repeal two certain Acts giving to the Secretary of the State, an Annual Salary ; and also so much of a certain Act therein mentioned, as respects Fees to be taken by the said Secretary upon Commissions granted to Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers,' was read a third Time.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was Negatived as follows :

| <i>Nays.</i> | <i>Nays.</i> | <i>Nays.</i> | <i>Yeas.</i> |
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| <i>Mr. Outwater,</i> | <i>Mr. Blair,</i> | <i>Mr. Corson,</i> | <i>Mr. Witherspoon,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Nicoll,</i> | <i>Mr. Hardenbergh,</i> | <i>Mr. Cook,</i> | <i>Mr. Jones,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Benson,</i> | <i>Mr. Clement,</i> | <i>Mr. Kitchel,</i> | <i>Mr. Newbold,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Wade,</i> | <i>Mr. Hall,</i> | <i>Mr. Arnold,</i> | <i>Mr. Davenport,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Condit,</i> | <i>Mr. Wetherby,</i> | <i>Mr. Burgin,</i> | <i>Mr. Hall,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Bonny,</i> | <i>Mr. Townsend,</i> | <i>Dr. Elmer,</i> | <i>Mr. Elmer,</i> |
| <i>Mr. M'Dowell,</i> | <i>Mr. Swain,</i> | <i>Mr. Hankinson,</i> | <i>Mr. Rutherford.</i> |
| <i>Mr. Stillwell,</i> | <i>Mr. Eli Townsend,</i> | <i>Mr. Beardlee.</i> | |
| <i>Mr. Rodgers,</i> | <i>Mr. Anderson,</i> | | |

Ordered, That Mr. Beardlee do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock:

Wednesday, November 25, 1789.

The House met.

Ordered, That Mr. Cooper have leave of absence on account of indisposition.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act for altering the Time of holding the Annual Town-Meeting in the County of Bergen,' was read and compared.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Blair do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that the same is passed by this House with their amendments.

Mr. Blair reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

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The House resumed the consideration of the report of Mr. Biddle of the 6th Instant, on the Petition of Ephraim Pyatt; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the State be, and he hereby is directed to issue a Certificate to Ephraim Pyatt, for the Sum of Seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six-pence, with interest from the Tenth Day of July, Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-two, in lieu of a surplus Certificate given to the said Ephraim Pyatt by Edward Griffith, Collector of the Township of Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex, which said Certificate appears to be lost.

Ordered, That Mr. Wetherby do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Beardlee reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Agreeably to the report of Mr. Davenport on the 16th Instant, Mr. Wade presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed and required to pay unto Major Samuel Reading, the Sum of Eighty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings, being the amount of Interest due on a Note given him for the three-fourths of his depreciation of pay; and also the Sum of One Hundred and Thirty Pounds, in part of the Principal of the said Note.

Ordered, That Mr. Clement do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Newbold reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A Petition from Alexander Carmichael, praying that the Legislature would order the Treasurer to pay him Gold and Silver Money, for Continental State Money in his Hands, Dollar for Dollar, was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Clement reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Mr. Wetherby reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A Petition from the Proprietors of the Line of Stages from Trenton to Pauls Hook, praying that the Legislature would for the reason therein contained, remit the Tax laid on their Line, they having been under the necessity of relinquishing the business, which was ordered a second reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Mayhew.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill, intitled, ‘A Supplement to the Act, intitled ‘An Act to incorporate certain Persons as Trustees in every Religious Society or Congregation in this State, for transacting the Temporal Concerns thereof.’ The Bill intitled, ‘An Act for setting Free Negro Cato;’ and the Bill intitled, ‘An Act empowering certain Creditors to secure their Debts by Mortgage; and ‘for other purposes therein mentioned,’ are passed by Council without amendment.

The Bill intitled, ‘An Act for the relief of certain Insolvent Debtors,’ was read a second Time, and after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the same be committed to Messrs Kitchel, Corlison and Davenport.

A Petition from Anthony Broderick, setting forth his particular situation as a Public Creditor, and praying that the Legislature would order the Treasurer to pay him one Year's Interest on his Certificates, was read and committed to Messrs Hall, Dr. Elmer and Rutherford, to report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Hannes Van Emburgh and Elizabeth Van Derlinde, read the 16th Instant, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill intitled, ' An Act to comply with the requisition of Congress, of Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-eight, and for other purposes therein mentioned,' was read a second Time.

An amendment was moved, and agreed to, that the Title read as follows :

' An Act for raising the value of the Bills of Credit of this State, and for the Specific Performance of Contracts.'

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Friday Morning.

The Petition from Abraham Van Emburgh, read on the 23d Instant, was read a second Time and dismissed.

The Bill intitled, ' An Act, to repeal an Act, intitled An Act, to procure an estimate of the Damages sustained by the Inhabitants of this State, from the waste and spoil committed by the Troops in the service of the Enemy, and their Adherents, by the Continental Army, or by the Militia of this or of the neighbouring States,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House, a Bond given by James Mott, Esquire, Treasurer of this State, with Securities in the Sum of £. 20,000 for the faithful discharge of his Office, which was read.

Resolved unanimously, That the same is satisfactory to this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Eli Townsend do carry the said Bond and Resolution to the Council for their concurrence.

Mr. Hardenbergh from the Committee, to whom was referred the Memorial of Azariah Dunham, Esq. late Superintendant of purchases, having had a conference with him on the subject of his Accounts, with the State of New-Jersey, reported as follows :

THAT as the Accounts of the said Azariah Dunham, with the United States remains as yet, unadjusted and unsettled, by which the depreciation on either Account, cannot be so accurately calculated, your Committee are of opinion, the final settlement thereof, ought to be deferred until the meeting of the Legislature in May next.

By order of the Committee,

JACOB R. HARDENBERGH.

To which the House agreed.

The Bill intitled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows adjoining and contiguous to Woodruff's Creek and Little Creek, to open, clear out, streighten and enlarge the same, and to make Sluices and Dams to keep out the Tide, and drain the said Meadows,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered a third reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

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The House met.

The Auditor of Accounts attended the House, and reported the state of the Accounts of John Hendry, late Barrack-Master of Burlington, of David Potter, appointed by Resolution of the Legislature, to sell Ammunition in the County of Cumberland, by which statements it appears that they stand balanced.

Resolved, That the House do allow the said Accounts as stated.

Also the Account of William Harriman, appointed to sell the remains of the Barracks at Elizabeth-Town, by which it appears that there is due the State, from the said William Harriman, the Sum of Two Pounds Nine Shillings and Ten-pence, in Certificates issued on the faith of this State.

Also the Account of John Stillwell, Agent of Forfeited Estates, in the County of Monmouth, by which it appears, that there remains due the State, in Certificates as aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Pounds Three Shillings and Ten-pence.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to collect the same.

The Auditor further reported the Accounts of Thomas Fenimore, Agent of Forfeited Estates in the County of Burlington, by which it appears, that there is a balance due to the said Thomas Fenimore, in Certificates issued on the faith of this State, the Sum of Twenty-four Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Seven-pence.

The Account of Moore Forman, Agent of Forfeited Estates in the County of Hunterdon, by which it appears, that there is a balance due to the said Moore Forman in Certificates, issued on the faith of this State, the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Eight-pence.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to issue Certificates for the said balances.

The Auditor further Reported, that there is a balance due to the undermentioned Contractors, the Sums annexed to their respective Names, in the Lawful Money of this State.

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| To Cornelius Harring, Contractor of Bergen, | | | £. | 132 | 17 | 7 |
| Robert Hoops, | ditto | Suffex, | | 106 | 13 | 7 |
| Thomas Carpenter, | ditto | Salem, | | 23 | 17 | 4 |
| Henry Y. Townsend, | ditto | Cape-May, | | 4 | 12 | 5 |
| John Lloyd, | ditto | Monmouth, | | 50 | 19 | 6 |
| Joseph Inslee, | | Hunterdon, | | 33 | 9 | 7 |
| John-Treat Crane, | | Essex, | | 126 | 1 | 3 |
| Cornelius Ludlow, | | Morris, | | 17 | 16 | 3 |
| Thomas Reading, | | Hunterdon, | | 102 | 19 | 3 |
| Abraham Burharrer, | | Suffex, | | 159 | 5 | 11 |
| Nicholas Van Brunt, | | Monmouth, | | 2 | 17 | 1 |
| Henry Traphagan, | | Hunterdon, | | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| John Carpenter, | | ditto, | | 12 | 15 | 6 |
| Abraham Hendrickson, | | Monmouth, | | 7 | 13 | 3 |
| Parsons Leaming, | | Cape-May, | | 1 | 6 | 7 |

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to discharge the said several balances.

Ordered, That Mr. Arnold do carry the said Accounts and Resolutions to the Council, and request their concurrence in the allowance of the said Accounts, and in the Resolutions accompanying the same.

Mr. Hall from the Committee, to whom the Petitions of John Vleet, Samuel Denman and Anthony Broderick were referred, reported as follows :

THAT

THAT considering the Services rendered to the Public in Times of difficulty, by the said Petitioners, and their peculiarly hard and distressed situations, they are of opinion, a Resolution should pass, Authorizing the Treasurer to pay to the said John Vleet, the whole of the Interest due upon his Certificates, provided the Sum due thereon, shall not exceed Two Hundred Pounds. To Anthony Broderick, one Year's Interest upon his Certificates, provided the Sum due thereon, shall not exceed Three Hundred Pounds : And to Samuel Denman, one Year's Interest upon his Note, signed by Silas Condit ; and also One Hundred and Eight Pounds Eleven Shillings and Nine-pence, being the Interest due thereon at the Time of Liquidation, and inserted in the Note.

By order of the Committee,

EDWARD HALL.

To which the House agreed ; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized and empowered, to pay to John Vleet, the whole of the Interest due upon his Certificate, provided the Sum due thereon shall not exceed Two Hundred Pounds. To Anthony Broderick, one Year's Interest upon his Certificates, provided the Sum due thereon shall not exceed Three Hundred Pounds : And to Samuel Denman, one Year's Interest upon his Note, signed by Silas Condit ; and also One Hundred and Eight Pounds Eleven Shillings and Nine-pence, being the Interest due thereon at the Time of Liquidation, and inserted in the Note.

Ordered, That Mr. Axford do carry the said Resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Whereas, Robert Morris, Esq. in behalf of the Estate of Robert-Hunter Morris, Esq. dec. hath exhibited to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in the County of Morris, for adjustment, large Demands against the Estate of David Ogden, Esq. whose Estate became Forfeited to this State, and as it is necessary that Council should be employed in behalf of this State, in order that Justice may be done ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the State, be authorized to employ Abraham Ogden, Esq. and an additional Council, if necessary, to appear in behalf of this State in adjusting and settling the Accounts so exhibited by Robert Morris, Esq. against the Estate of the said David Ogden, Esq. and that he pay them such Sums as he shall deem adequate to the Services performed.

Ordered, That Dr. Elmer do carry the said Resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Eli Townsend reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill intituled, ' An Act, to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for vesting the Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Sterling, within this State in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, so much as may suffice the Debts and Encumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the remainder, if any be,' was read a second Time, and after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed.

The Petition from David Rhea, late Sheriff of Monmouth, read on the 20th Inst. was read a second Time, and the Treasurer attending the House with the Petitioner, they were heard on the subject of the Petition ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioner have leave to present a Resolution to answer the Prayer of his Petition.

The House adjourned till Friday Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday,

Friday, November 27, 1789.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal the Act, intituled, An Act to procure an Estimate of the Damages sustained by the Inhabitants of this State, from the waste and spoil committed by the Troops, in the service of the Enemy and their Adherents, by the Continental Army, or by the Militia of this or of the Neighbouring States,' was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Arnold do carry the said Bill to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Arnold reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A Petition from William Bond, stating demands against Forfeited Estates, and praying Payment from the Treasurer, with the several Vouchers to support his Account, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Axford reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Van Cleve.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council, to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, That the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable Daniel Tabor, Daniel Hulet, John Slocum and Elizabeth Slocum, or a majority of them, to complete the execution of the Testament and Last Will of Peter Slocum, deceased,' is passed by Council without amendment, and that Council approve of the Bond given by the Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of his Office.

Dr. Elmer reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The House resumed the consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for raising the value of the Bills of Credit of this State, and for the Specific Performance of Contracts.'

On the question whether the third Section do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Little, |
| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Rodgers, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Hardenbergh, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Hall, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Holmes, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Townsend, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Swain, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Anderson, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Corthron, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Hankinson, |
| Mr. Witherspoon, | | | Mr. Beardlee. |

On the question whether the eighth Section do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Holmes, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Swain, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Wade, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. Condit, | Mr. Corthron, |
| Mr. Witherspoon, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Cook, |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Arnold, |
| Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Rogers, | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. Davenport, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Blair, | Mr. Hankinson, |
| Mr. Clement, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Beardlee. |
| Mr. Hall, | Mr. Speaker. | Mr. Wetherby, | |

The House having gone through the said Bill—On the question whether the said Bill be engrossed, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Outwater, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Hall, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Condit, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Holmes, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Bonny, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Little, |
| Mr. Wither Spoon, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Rodgers, |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Blair, |
| Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Hardenbergh, |
| Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Rutherford. | Mr. Hankinson, |
| | | | Mr. Beardlee. |

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Woodhull.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council, to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that Council agree to the Resolution, relative to directing the Treasurer to give a Certificate to Ephraim Pyatt, &c. That they agree to the Resolution relative to directing the Treasurer to pay unto Major Samuel Reading £. 81 12 0 and £. 150 &c. That they agree to the Resolution and Report of the Committee, relative to authorizing and directing the Honorable James Kinsey, John Chetwood and Abraham Ogden, Esquires, to consider the present mode of examining Witnesses by interrogatories in the Court of Chancery, &c. And that they agree to the Resolution relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to John Vleet, Interest upon his Certificate ; to Anthony Broderick, his Interest ; and to Samuel Denman, his Interest, &c.

Mr. Kitchel from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intitled, ' An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors,' reported the same with sundry amendments, and the following Title ; ' An Act to revive under certain Restrictions, two certain Acts therein mentioned, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors,' which was read, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House, Proposals for Printing the Votes, &c. of this House from Isaac Collins, Shepard Kollock and Abraham Blauvelt, Printers, which were read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, An Act for raising the value of the Bills of Credit of this State, and for the Specific Performance of Contracts,' was read and compared.—On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Hardenbergh, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Condit, | Mr. Hall, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Arnold, |
| Mr. Wither Spoon, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Hankinson, |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Beardlee. |
| Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Blair, | |
| Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Burgin, | | |
| Mr. Clement, | Mr. Elmer, | | |
| Mr. Holmes, | Dr. Elmer, | | |
| Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Rutherford. | | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Rutherford do carry the said Bill to Council for concurrence.

A Petition from the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of Perth-Amboy, praying that an Act may pass declaring the Validity of the Qualifications of the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, of the City of Perth-Amboy.

Ordered, That they have leave to present a Bill for that purpose ; whereupon, Mr. Rutherford presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act declaring the Validity of the Qualifications of the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of Perth-Amboy, and directing the mode in which the Sheriff of said City shall be sworn into Office,’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Woodbridge, praying leave to present a Bill, to enable the Commissioners of the High-Ways, to make such alterations in the Road passing through Woodbridge to the Blazing Star, as they may think most advantageous to the Public.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting, Advertising the purport thereof, three Weeks before the presenting thereof.

Mr. Rutherford reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A Petition from Richard Stevens, one of the Trustees appointed by Law, to take charge of and Sell the Estate of the late Lord Sterling, desiring the Bill before the House for repealing the Law under which he was appointed, may not be passed, and desiring directions from the Legislature, how further to act, was read, and ordered a second reading with the Bill referred to.

Mr. Rodgers, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the relief of David Rhea, Esq. late Sheriff of Monmouth,’ which was read and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for transferring the Residue of the Confiscated Personal Estate, late of Philip Kearney,’ was read a second Time.

An amendment was moved to amend the Title of the said Bill, by inserting the Names of John Thompson and Peter Brown, immediately after the name of Philip Kearney, which was agreed to.

The House having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

Ordered, That Mr. Davenport and Mr. Newbold, have leave of absence during the remainder of this Sitting.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint Meeting—and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and then

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, November 28, 1789.

The House met.

The House resumed the consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, for the support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to defray the contingent expences thereof, and to provide for

‘ for the payment of the several Officers of Government for one Year, to commence the twelfth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-nine, and to end the twelfth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety ;’ and having gone through the same,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

On Motion,

Resolved, That the Person or Persons appointed to Print the Laws, Minutes and Proceedings of the Legislative Council and Assembly of this State, shall immediately after Printing the same, transmit them to the Clerks of the several Counties on the most reasonable Terms, and that the Legislature will provide for the payment of the expence attending the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicoll do carry the said Resolution to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for transferring the Residue of the Confiscated Personal Estate, late of Philip Kearny, John Thompson and Peter Brown,’ was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| <i>Yeas.</i> | <i>Yeas.</i> | <i>Yeas.</i> | <i>Nays.</i> |
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| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Hall, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Bonny, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Wetberby, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. M'Dowell, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Blair. |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Elmer, | |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Dr. Elmer, | |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Hankinson, | |
| Mr. Witherspoon, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Beardlee, | |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Rutherford. | |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Cook, | | |
| Mr. Clement, | | | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Wade do carry the said Bill to Council for concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Ogden.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council, to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the limitation of Suits respecting Titles to Land.’ The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to authorize the Treasurer of the State, to collect the Deficiencies of Taxes made payable to the Continental Receiver of Taxes in this State,’ are passed by Council, without amendment, and that the re-engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to establish and confirm the Charter, Rights and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth,’ is passed by Council, with their amendments. The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to authorize Samuel Macfarson and David Macfarson, Executors of the Last Will and Testament of John Macfarson, deceased, to convey certain Lands of the said Deceased, to Imlay Drake, and receive the consideration Money, agreeably to a Contract made by the said John Macfarson, in his Life-Time,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to revive under certain Restrictions, two certain Acts therein mentioned, for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

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The House resumed the consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to repeal the Act, intituled, An Act for vesting the Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Sterling, within this State in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or so much as may suffice the Debts and Encumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the remainder, if any be.'

An amendment was moved, and agreed to, That the Title of the said Bill, read as follows :

' An Act to suspend the further proceedings of Richard Stevens and John Mehelm, in the Sales of the Lands and Tenements, Hereditaments and Real Estate of the late William Alexander, Earl of Sterling, deceased,' by Virtue of an Act, intituled, ' An Act for vesting the Estate of William, Earl of Sterling, within this State in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or of so much as may suffice the Debts and Encumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the remainder if any be ; made and passed the first Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to divest them of their Estate in the Lands and Tenements thereby invested in them which remains unfold.'

The House having gone through the said Bill,
Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to revive under certain Restrictions, two certain Acts therein mentioned, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors,' was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Clement, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Gorthon, | Mr. Benson, | Mr. Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Wade, | Mr. Elmer, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Rutherford. |
| Mr. Wither Spoon, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Stillwell, | |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Little, | |
| Mr. Hall, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Jones, | |
| Mr. Holmes, | Dr. Elmer, | | |
| Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Hankinson, | | |
| Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Beardlee. | | |
| Mr. Swain, | | | |

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to authorize Samuel Macfarson and David Macfarson, Executors of the Testament and Last Will of John Macfarson, dec. to convey certain Lands of the said Deceased, to Imlay Drake, and receive the consideration Money agreeably to a Contract made by the said John Macfarson in his Life-Time, was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to suspend the further proceedings of Richard Stevens and John Mehelm, in the Sales of the Lands and Tenements, Hereditaments and Real Estate of the late William Alexander, Earl of Sterling, dec. by Virtue of an Act, intituled, ' An Act for vesting the Estate of William, Earl of Sterling within this State, in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or of so much as may suffice the Debts and Encumbrances affecting the same, and to convey

‘ convey to him the remainder if any be, made and passed the first Day of May, ‘ in the Year of Our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to divest ‘ them of their Estate in the Lands and Tenements thereby invested in them, ‘ which remain unfold,’ was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| <i>Yeas.</i> | <i>Yeas.</i> | <i>Yeas.</i> | <i>Nays.</i> |
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| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Hall, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Wither Spoon, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Holmes, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Hardenbergh, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Wetherby, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Jones, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Hankinson. | Mr. Clement, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Swain, | | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | | Mr. Corshon, |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Axford, | | Mr. Beardlee, |
| Mr. Little, | Mr. Cook, | | Mr. Rutherford. |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Kitchel, | | |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Arnold, | | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Bonny do carry the said Bills to the Council for their concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the relief of David Rhea, Esq. late Sheriff of ‘ Monmouth,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Bonny reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Swain have leave of absence during the remainder of this Sitting.

The Report of the Committee, appointed to confer with the Auditor, as reported by Mr. Hardenbergh on the 21st Instant, was read a second Time and agreed to ; whereupon,

Mr. Rutherford with leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act ‘ for appointing Commissioners to settle the Accounts between this State and the ‘ United States,’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act declaring the Validity of the Qualifications of the ‘ Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, of the City of Perth-Amboy, and directing ‘ the mode in which the Sheriff of said City shall be Sworn into Office,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, November 30, 1789.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the relief of David Rhea, Esq. late ‘ Sheriff of Monmouth,’ was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act declaring the Validity of the Qualifications of the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of Perth-Amboy, and ‘ directing the mode in which the Sheriff of said City shall be Sworn into Office,’ was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Blair do carry the said Bills to Council for concurrence.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for defraying fundry Incidental Charges,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Blair reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on Elizabeth-Town Great Meadows, adjoining and contiguous to Woodruff’s Creek and Little Creek, to open, clear out, streighten and enlarge the same, and to make Sluices and Dams to keep out the Tide, and to drain the said Meadows,’ was read a third Time.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Condit, |
| Mr. Benfon, | Mr. Hall, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Bonny, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Holmes, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. M’Dowell, |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Blair, |
| Mr. Little, | Mr. Townsfend, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Burgin. |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Eli Townsfend, | Mr. Hankinson, | |
| Mr. Wither Spoon, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Beardlee, | |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Rutherford. | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Stillwell do carry the said Bill to Council, and acquaint them, That the same is passed by this House without amendment.

Mr. Stillwell reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, praying that the Supreme Court may be removed, to be held alternately at Perth-Amboy and Burlington, was read, and ordered a second reading, with the Bill for removing the Courts.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, for the support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to defray the contingent expences thereof, and to provide for the Payment of the several Offices of Government for one Year, to commence the twelfth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-nine, and to end the twelfth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety,’ was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, in was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Wither Spoon, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Blair, |
| Mr. Benfon, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Eli Townsfend, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Kitchel, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Arnold, |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Hall, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Hankinson. |
| Mr. M’Dowell, | Mr. Holmes, | Dr. Elmer, | |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Beardlee, | |
| Mr. Little, | Mr. Townsfend, | Mr. Rutherford. | |
| Mr. Rodgers, | | | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Jones do carry the said Bill to Council for concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hoops.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by the Council, to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, That the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to Authorize Persons whose Estates have been Confiscated, or their Legal Representatives, to demand, and receive all Debts or Sums of Money which are due to this State in Virtue of such Confiscations,’ is passed by Council without amendment.

Mr. Jones reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for appointing Commissioners for settling the Accounts between this State and the United States,’ was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Arnold, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Beardlee. |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Holmes, | Mr. Kitchel, | |
| Mr. Bonny, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Burgin, | |
| Mr. M’Dowell, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Elmer, | |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Dr. Elmer, | |
| Mr. Little, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Hankinson, | |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Rutherford, | |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | | | |

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges,’ was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Wetherby, | Mr. Bonny, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Rodgers, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. Blair, |
| Mr. M’Dowell, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Cook, |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Kitchel, |
| Mr. Little, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Arnold, |
| Mr. Wither Spoon, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Hankinson. |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Beardlee, | |
| Mr. Clement, | Mr. Rutherford. | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Clement do carry the said Bills to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Clement reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The Address to the President of the United States, was read, agreed to, and ordered to be signed.

Ordered, That Mr. Hall do carry the same to Council for concurrence.

Resolved,

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor, and the Honorable Vice President of the Council, and Speaker of the House of Assembly, be requested to present the said Address to the President of the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Hall do carry the said Resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Hall reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Mr. Rutherford from the Committee, to whom was referred the fourth Paragraph of the Treasurer's Letter of the 6th Instant, reported the following Resolution, which was agreed to by the House :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the State be, and he hereby is Authorized and requested to attend himself, or to employ some other Person in whom he may confide, to attend at all Sales made at the Suit of the State, where the State has no other remedy, and to bid at such Sales on the part of the State, so as to prevent the Property in Execution from being Sold in such manner as the State to sustain a loss, for which Service this State will hereafter allow him, or them, an adequate compensation.

Ordered, That Mr. Townsend do carry the said Resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Townsend reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Resolved, That the Mayor of the City of Perth-Amboy, be Authorized and requested to take charge of the Council and Assembly Chambers in this City, and of the Furniture therein during the recess of the Legislature.

Ordered, That Mr. Anderson do carry the said Resolution to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Anderson reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Harring.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by the Council, to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, That the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to revive under certain Restrictions, two certain Acts therein mentioned, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.’ The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for raising the value of the Bills of Credit of this State, and for the Specific Performance of Contracts.’ The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to repeal the Act, intituled, An Act to procure an estimate of the Damages sustained by the Inhabitants of this State, from the waste and spoil committed by the Troops in the service of the Enemy and their Adherents, by the Continental Army, or by the Militia of this or the Neighbouring States.’ And the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for transferring the Residue of the Confiscated Personal Estate of Philip Kearny, John Thompson and Peter Brown,’ are passed by Council, without amendment.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint Meeting—and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and then

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock:

Tuesday,

Tuesday, December 1, 1789.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Dayton.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council, to wait on the House of Assembly with the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the relief of David Rhea, &c.’ with the amendment made thereto by Council, and request the concurrence of this House in the said amendment, which Bill, with the amendment, was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the same be re-engrossed.

Which said Bill was re-engrossed and compared.

On the question whether the said Bill do pass, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Nicoll, |
| Mr. Condit, | Mr. Eli Townsend, | Mr. Benson, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Bonny, |
| Mr. Stillwell, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Blair, |
| Mr. Little, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Witherspoon, |
| Mr. Rodgers, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Hall, |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Hoimes, |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Cook, |
| Mr. Clement, | Mr. Beardlee. | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. Wetherby, | | Mr. Rutherford. |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Cook do carry the said Bill to Council, and inform them, that the same is passed by this House, with their amendments.

Mr. Cook reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

On Motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the Interest on a Certificate given to Thomas Kenny, by a Resolution of the Legislature of the third Day of September, 1788, in the same manner and proportion, as is paid to other holders of State Securities.

Ordered, That Mr. Burgin do carry the said Resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Burgin reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed, to wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for appointing Commissioners for settling the Accounts between this State, and the United States.’ The Bill for defraying sundry Incidental Charges. ‘ The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to suspend the further proceedings of Richard Stevens and John Mehelm, in the Sales of the Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Real Estate of the late William Alexander, Earl of Sterling, dec.’

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The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act declaring the Validity of the Qualifications of the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, of the City of Perth-Amboy, and directing the mode in which the Sheriff of the said City, shall be sworn into Office.’

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, for the support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, &c.’ are passed by Council, and that Council do agree to the Resolution relative to authorizing the Treasurer to attend himself, or employ some other Person to attend at the Sales made at the Suit of the State, &c. The Resolution authorizing the Mayor of Amboy, to take care of the Council and Assembly Chambers. The Resolution relative to directing the Treasurer to pay Interest on a Certificate, given to Thomas Kenney, &c. The Report of the Auditor, with the Resolutions accompanying the same. The Address to the President of the United States, and the Resolutions accompanying the same.

The House adjourned to meet at Perth-Amboy, the third Tuesday in May next.

THE following are errors which escaped correction in the Laws of the last Session of the Legislature, and not discovered till too late for alteration.

Page 541, Sec. 2d, 4th line, for Elders or Deacons, read the Elders and Deacons. Page 553, 3d line, for Cognizance, read Re-cognizance; same page, 2d line from bottom, for Assigning, read Assuring. Page 559, last word, for leave, read lease. Page 573, 16th line, for procured, read produced; beginning of the 3d paragraph of same page, for That, read To.

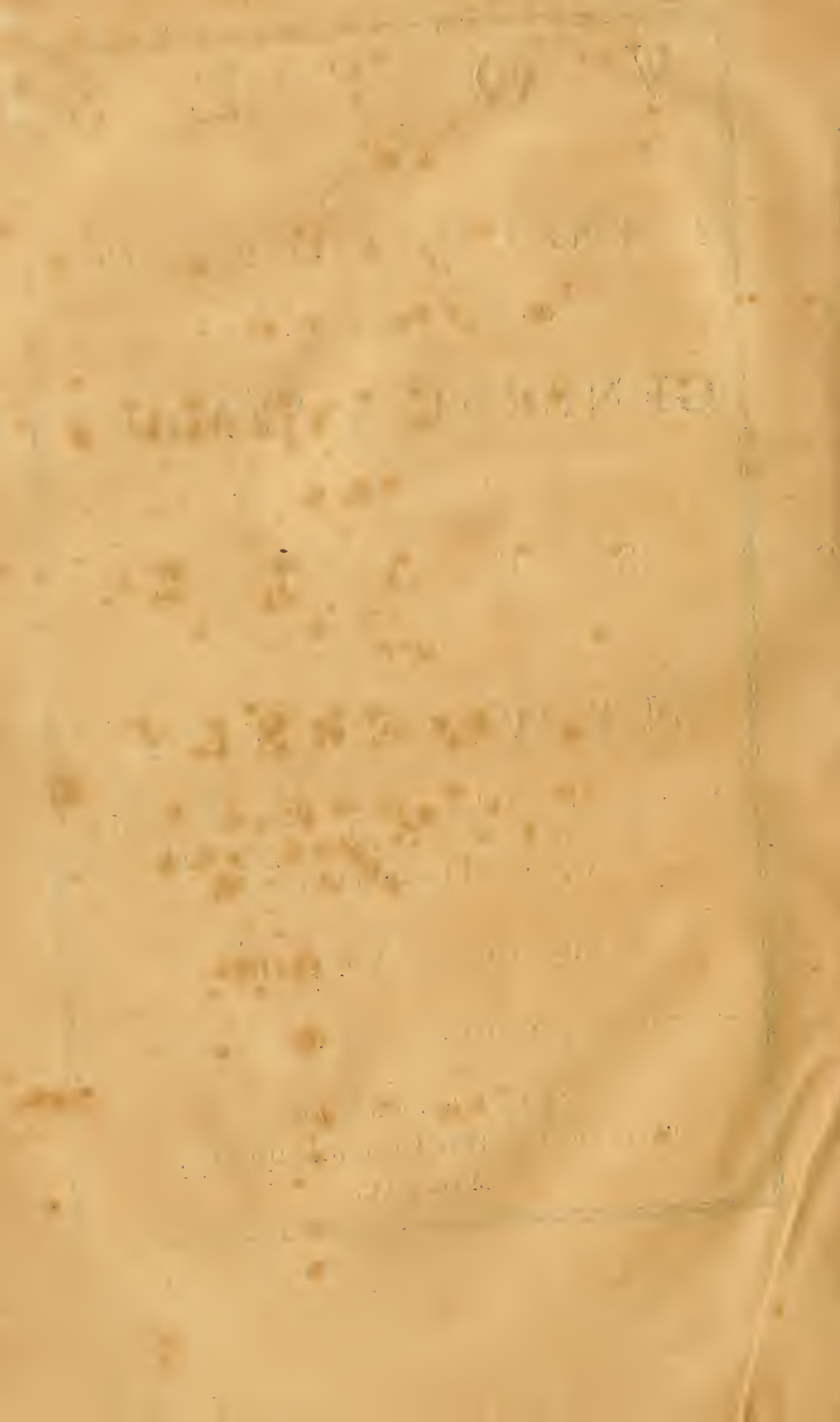


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At a SESSION begun at Perth-Amboy on
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continued by Adjournments.

BEING THE SECOND SITTING.

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LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL.

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| <i>Bergen,</i> | The Honorable | Peter Haring, | Esquires. |
| <i>Essex,</i> | | Jonathan Dayton, | |
| <i>Middlesex,</i> | | Samuel Randolph, | |
| <i>Monmouth,</i> | | Elitha Lawrence, <i>V. P.</i> | |
| <i>Somerset,</i> | | Ephraim Martin, | |
| <i>Burlington,</i> | | William Newbold, | |
| <i>Gloucester,</i> | | Joseph Ellis, | |
| <i>Salem,</i> | | John Mayhuc, | |
| <i>Cape-May,</i> | | Jeremiah Eldridge, | |
| <i>Hunterdon,</i> | | Benjamin Van Cleve, | |
| <i>Morris,</i> | | William Woodhull, | |
| <i>Cumberland,</i> | | Samuel Ogden, | |
| <i>Suffex,</i> | | Robert Hoops, | |

LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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| <i>Bergen,</i> | | John Outwater, | Esquires. |
| | | Isaac Nicoll, | |
| | | John Benson, | |
| <i>Essex,</i> | | Jonas Wade, | |
| | | John Condict, | |
| | | Daniel Marth, | |
| <i>Middlesex,</i> | | James Bonney, | |
| | | John Beatty, <i>Speaker,</i> | |
| | | Thomas M'Dowell, | |
| <i>Monmouth,</i> | | Joseph Stillwell, | |
| | | Thomas Little, | |
| | | James Rogers, | |
| <i>Somerset,</i> | | Robert Blair, | |
| | | John Wither Spoon, | |
| | | Jacob R. Hardenbergh, | |
| <i>Burlington,</i> | | Joseph Biddle, | |
| | | Robert Srettle-Jones, | |
| | | Daniel Newbold, | |
| <i>Gloucester,</i> | | Franklin Davenport, | |
| | | Joseph Cooper, | |
| | | Abel Clement, | |
| <i>Salem,</i> | | Edward Hall, | |
| | | Benjamin Holme, | |
| | | Edmund Wetherby, | |
| <i>Cape-May,</i> | | Elijah Townsend, | |
| | | Nezer Swain, | |
| | | Eli Townsend, | |
| <i>Hunterdon,</i> | | John Anderfon, | |
| | | Joshua Corihon, | |
| | | Charles Axsford, | |
| <i>Morris,</i> | | Ellis Cook, | |
| | | Aaron Kitchel, | |
| | | Jacob Arnold, | |
| <i>Cumberland,</i> | | John Burgin, | |
| | | Eli Elmer, | |
| | | Ebenezer Elmer, | |
| <i>Suffex,</i> | | Aaron Hankinson, | |
| | | Charles Beardlee, | |
| | | John Rutherford, | |

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PERTH-AMBOY, *Tuesday May 18, 1790.*

PURSUANT to adjournment at the last sitting. the following members met; to wit : Messrs Outwater, Nicoll, Benson, Bonney, M'Dowell, Little, Rogers, Jones, Newbold, Clement, Holme, Townsend, Swain, Eli Townsend, Anderson, Cook, Hankinson, Beardslee, and not being a quorum to proceed to business, adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Wednesday, May 19, 1790.

Mr. Speaker, Messrs Marsh, Rutherford and Davenport, attended and took their seats.

Ordered, That Mr. Outwater do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that a quorum of the Assembly have this day met and proceeded to business.

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A message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 19, 1790.

THAT Mr. Haring do wait on the house of Assembly and acquaint them that a quorum of the Council have this day met and proceeded to business.

Resolved, That Thomas Stillwell be door-keeper to this house during the present sitting.

Ordered, That Messrs Marsh and Jones be a committee to examine the minutes of the last sitting and report such business as was referred or remains unfinished.

Ordered, That Mr. Clement and Mr. Cook be a committee to prepare and present a bill for defraying sundry incidental charges.

The Speaker laid before the house a letter from the Attorney General accompanied with a presentment against Col. Matthias Ward by the Grand Jury of the county of Essex and the affidavit of John Robinson, which being read were ordered a second reading.

A petition from some of the inhabitants of the township of Little-Egg-Harbour in the county of Burlington, and the townships of Stafford and Dover, in the county of Monmouth, praying that a law may be passed to regulate the fisheries within the boundaries of the said townships, was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Hunterdon, suggesting amendments to the road act, and praying the attention of the Legislature to the same, was read and committed to Messrs Nicoll, Marsh and Davenport.

A petition from John Van Alen, of the county of Bergen, stating that he had purchased from and paid the commissioners of forfeited estates of the county of Bergen, for 262 acres of land at £ 39 16 0 per acre, but that on an exact measurement or survey thereof the deed contained but 200 acres, and praying that the Legislature would grant him relief in the premises, was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Outwater reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

A petition from Abraham Quackenbos of the county of Bergen, stating the reason why he was with the British army in 1776, in consequence of which an inquisition was found against his estate and final judgment thereon entered, and praying that the Legislature would consider his situation, and the circumstances of the business and grant him relief therein, was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Hardenbergh, Mr. Burgin and Dr. Elmer attended and took their seats, and having with the other members who attended this morning severally rendered an excuse for their non-attendance before, the same was deemed satisfactory.

A message from his Excellency the Governor accompanied with sundry acts of Congress, was read and referred to Messrs Witherspoon, Davenport and Rutherford to report thereon.

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The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from Abraham Clark, Esq. accompanied with a state of his proceedings in the settlement of the accounts of this state with the United States, which was read and committed to Dr. Elmer and Mr. Marsh.

The Speaker laid before the House, the account of Isaac Nicoll, Esq. Cornelius Hennion and John Varrick, jun. commissioners appointed by an act of the Council and Assembly, passed November 1788, by which it appears that there is a balance due the state of £. 517 7 0 which was read and ordered to be filed.

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of the Borough of Elizabeth, praying that the Charter of Incorporation granted by an act of this state to the said Borough at the last sitting, may be repealed, was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Samuel Pears and Edward Price, prisoners confined in the gaol of the county of Monmouth for debt, praying that a law may be passed to liberate them from confinement, was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from William Smith and a petition from sundry Inhabitants of Woodbridge in the county of Middlesex, praying that if any alteration should be made in the road from Woodbridge to the Blazing Star, commissioners may be appointed for that purpose, and that the Surveyors of the roads may not be authorized to make the same, were read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from a majority of a Corporation heretofore styled "The Corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen in the communion of the Church of England in America," but now denominated "The Corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," was read, praying that an act may pass for altering certain clauses in the Charter of the said Corporation, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Rutherford from the committee, appointed at the last sitting, to report bills to amend the Election Laws of this state, brought in draughts of the following bills, to wit; "An Act for altering the time of holding Town-Meetings and for regulating the Elections of Town Officers."

"An Act to regulate the Election of the Members of the Legislative Council and General Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners."

"An Act to regulate the Election of the Representatives from this state to the House of Representatives of the United States."

"An Act to prescribe the manner of appointing Senators of the United States on the part of this state:" and,

"An Act to enforce to attendance and to specify the qualifications of the Members of the Legislative Council and General Assembly of this state," which being read were ordered a second reading.

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The Speaker laid before the house the following account of monies emitted by act of Assembly, passed December 20, 1783, cancelled at the Treasury of the State of New-Jersey the 12th and 14th days of May 1790, agreeably to a law passed November 24th, 1788.

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on Bundle. | 120s | 60s | 30s | 15s | 12s | 7s6 | 5s | 3s9 | 2s6 | Amount. | | |
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| 1 | 27 | 77 | 110 | 151 | 126 | 167 | 216 | 151 | 159 | 911 | 13 | 3 |
| 2 | 56 | 146 | 225 | 173 | 175 | 176 | 161 | 161 | 130 | 1498 | 18 | 9 |
| 3 | 69 | 179 | 212 | 195 | 234 | 258 | 217 | 209 | 188 | 1769 | 6 | 9 |
| 4 | 55 | 117 | 165 | 136 | 162 | 268 | 196 | 219 | 165 | 1338 | 17 | 9 |
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BENJAMIN VAN CLEVE,
JAMES EWING.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Thursday, May 20, 1790.

The House met.

Ordered, That Mr. Condict have leave of absence on account of the sickness of his family.

A petition from Thomas Millet, a prisoner confined in the gaol of the county of Somerset for debt, was read, praying that a law may pass for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, by which he may be liberated from confinement was read, and a petition from John Johnson in behalf of himself and Elizabeth his daughter was read, desiring, for reasons therein contained, that the prayer of the petition of the said Thomas Millet may be rejected.

Ordered, That the petition of the said Thomas Millet be dismissed, and that the last mentioned petition be filed.

Mr. Nicoll from the Committee appointed to examine the act for regulating roads and bridges, reported as follows :

THAT in their opinion, it is not clearly ascertained in said act, whether the six Surveyors to lay out a road, shall all be of the same county or not.

That there is no provision made in said act, how or in what manner roads shall be laid on a line between two counties or between townships, and are of opinion that a committee should be appointed to revise and amend the said act.

ISAAC NICOLL.

To which the House agreed.

Ordered, That Messrs Nicoll, Marsh and Davenport, be a committee for that purpose.

The Speaker reported to the House, that in compliance with their order at the last meeting, His Excellency the Governor and himself, had waited on the President of the United States, and presented the address of the Legislature, to which he had been pleased to return the following answer.

To

To the HONORABLE the LEGISLATURE of the STATE of NEW-JERSEY.

Gentlemen,

IN replying to the flattering and affectionate address, with which you are pleased to honor me, I confess a want of expression to convey the grateful sentiments which it inspires; you will do justice to those sentiments by believing that they are founded in sincere regard and respectful esteem.

The opportunities which were afforded me in the trying vicissitudes of our arduous struggle, to remark the generous spirit which animated the exertions of your citizens, have impressed a remembrance of their worth, which no length of time or change of circumstances can efface.

To the gallantry and firmness of their efforts in the field, they have added the wisdom and liberality of distinguished patriotism in council, appreciating with judicious discernment, the blessings of that independance which their efforts contributed to establish, they were unanimously agreed to secure and perpetuate them by adopting a constitution which promised equal and efficient protection to the privileges of confederated America.

The assurance now given by your honorable body to support the federal system, is a renewed proof of the estimation in which it is held, and a happy indication of the beneficial effects already experienced and hereafter expected to flow from its operations; as such it is to me peculiarly grateful, and must be so to every citizen of the Union, whose wish is private prosperity and public honor; allow me, gentlemen, to assure you of every endeavor on my part to promote these desirable objects.

In making my acknowledgments for the favorable opinions you express of my military conduct, as it respected the observance of civil right, it is justice to assign great merit to the temper of those citizens, whose estates were more immediately the scene of warfare; their personal services were rendered without constraint, and the derangement of their affairs submitted to without dissatisfaction: It was the triumph of patriotism over personal consideration, and our present enjoyments of peace and freedom reward the sacrifice. Imploring a continuance of these enjoyments to our country and individual happiness to the citizens who procured them, I offer up a sincere prayer for you, gentlemen, and your constituents.

G. WASHINGTON.

The petition from John Van-Alen, read yesterday, was read a second time and committed to Messrs Outwater, Burgin and Cook to report their opinion thereon to the House.

Dr. Elmer from the committee, to whom the letter from Abraham Clark, Esq. together with a statement of his proceedings as commissioner for settling the accounts of this state with the United States, reported, That the said statement of Mr. Clark, ought to be read for the information of the House.

EBENEZER ELMER.

To which the House agreed: Whereupon, the same being read,

Resolved, That this House approve of the proceedings of Mr. Clark in settling the accounts of this state with the United States as stated by him to the House.

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Resolved,

Resolved, That the Treasurer in the settlement of the accounts of Abraham Clark, Esq. be directed to allow him the same compensation per diem, for his services in New-Jersey, as for attending the board of commissioners in New-York.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicoll do carry the statement above referred to, and the said resolutions to the Council for concurrence.

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs Ruthierfurd, Witherspoon and Clement, be a committee to enquire into the cause of the depreciation of the Copper Coin of this state, and report the same to the House.

Messrs Eli Elmer and Corshon attended and took their seats, and having each rendered an excuse for their non-attendance before this time,

Resolved, That the same is satisfactory.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Arnold attended and took his seat, and having rendered an excuse to the House for his non-attendance before this time,

Resolved, That the same is satisfactory.

Mr. Marsh from the committee, appointed to examine the Minutes of the last sitting and report the business unfinished, reported the following list :

1. The petition from the Inhabitants of Morris county, remonstrating against the salaries allowed by Congress.

2. A petition from Alexander Carmichael.

3. The petition from William Bond.

4. The petition from Francis Witt.

5. Mr. Wade's report on James Board and Catherine Kuyper's petition.

6. A petition from the Stage Proprietors on the road from New-York to Philadelphia.

7. An act for incorporating a Seminary for the education of youth, in New Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen, by the name of the Federal Academy of the county of Bergen

8. A petition from Salem, praying the repeal of a Meadow law.

9. A petition from sundry Inhabitants of Bergen county, respecting obstructions in the river Passaick.

10. An act to render more permanent the salaries allowed to the justices of the Supreme Court.

11. A petition from Samuel Potter.

12. Two petitions from the Officers of Colonel Courtlands regiment of militia.

13. The petition from Monmouth, respecting the pension allowed Lydia Whitlock.

14. The petition from the Infantry of Trenton.

15. The petition for a troop of Horse in Bergen county.

16. The petition from Orange Dale, praying that certain Officers may be commissioned and directed to raise a voluntier uniform company.

17. The petition of George W. Campbell.

18. The petition from Little-Egg-Harbour, respecting the setting of nets and fishing.

19. The petition of John Dennis.

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The papers marked No. 7, 24, 27, 32 and 37, were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

The paper marked No. 8, was read and ordered to be read again with the petition on the same subject, presented yesterday.

The paper marked No. 21, was read and ordered to be read a second time, and considered on Tuesday next.

The paper marked No. 22, containing the petition of John Stevens, Esq. and the report of Mr. Wade thereon, of the 24th November, 1789, was read, the said report agreed to : Whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Stevens have leave to present a resolution to answer the prayer of his petition.

The paper marked No. 23, was read and committed to Mr. Rogers and Mr. Outwater, to report thereon.

The paper marked No. 25, was read and committed to the committee appointed at the last sitting, to bring in a bill, conformable to the report of Mr. Hardenbergh on the 21st of November last.

The paper marked No. 31, was read and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, in the afternoon.

Mr. Nicoll reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A message from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

Council Chamber, May 20, 1790.

THE Council having taken into consideration the resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to allow Abraham Clark, Esq. commissioner for settling the accounts of this state with the United States, the same compensation per diem for his services in New-Jersey, as for attending the board of Commissioners in New-York.

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Friday, May 21, 1790.

The House met.

The Speaker being prevented by sickness from attending the House, Mr. Jones was appointed Speaker *pro. tem.* and took the chair.

The letter from the Attorney General, accompanied with the presentment against Col. Ward, was read a second time.

On the question, Whether the House agree to notify Col. Ward to attend this House on Saturday the 29th inst. at ten o'clock, A. M. and that the following witnesses be subpoenaed to attend the House at the same time, to wit: John Robinson, Samuel Hays, Thomas Seigler, James Bruen and Caleb Bruen : It was carried in the affirmative.

The petition from Abraham Quackenbos, read on the 19th instant, was read a second time and dismissed.

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The petition from a majority of a Corporation, heretofore styled "The Corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen in the communion of the Church of England in America," but now denominated "The Corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," praying that an act may pass for altering certain clauses in the Charter of the said Corporation, was read a second time.

Ordered, That they have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition. Whereupon,

Mr. Davenport presented the draught of a bill, entitled, "An Act for altering certain clauses in the charter of the corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from John Freeland, praying that the Legislature would make an order, that he should be compensated for his services while a Soldier in the first Jersey regiment, in the year 1778, was read and ordered to be dismissed.

Ordered, That Mr. Wither Spoon have leave of absence, until Monday next on special business.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

Dr. Elmer with leave presented the draught of a bill, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Treasurer of the state, to pay Invalid Pensioners to the 4th day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the several bills for revising the Election Laws of this state, as reported by Mr. Rutherturd on Wednesday last, and after having spent some time thereon, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Marsh, chairman of the committee, reported, That it appears expedient to this committee, that the election of the Representatives of this state in the Congress of the United States, be in districts.

DANIEL MARSH.

Ordered, That the consideration thereof be postponed.

A petition from the town-meeting of the township of Waterford, in the county of Gloucester, and of Northampton, in the county of Burlington, praying a law may be passed to direct the roads in the said townships to be repaired by hire, was read and committed to the committee appointed to revise the road act.

A petition from the assessors of the county of Gloucester, desiring measures may be taken for a more equitable assessment of taxes; and that the quotas of the several townships may with more propriety be settled, was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Newton, in the county of Gloucester, desiring that elections may be held for Representatives in townships, was read and ordered a second reading with the Election Laws now before the House.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

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Saturday,

Saturday, May 22, 1790.

The House met.

Resolved, That John Merfelliuss be appointed Sergeant at Arms for the purpose of notifying Col. Ward to attend the House agreeably to the order of yesterday, and to serve the subpoena's therein ordered.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Treasurer, informing that he had with him the third year's interest on the Loan Office money, and the monies received from Licences of Stages, amounting to £. 5953 15 3 cancelled by Benjamin Van-Cleve and James Ewing, Esquires.

Ordered, That Messrs Cook, Davenport, Dr. Elmer, Rutherford and Newbold, or any three of them, be a committee to count and burn the said cancelled money, and report thereon to the House; and that Mr. Marsh do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this House for that purpose.

A petition was presented from Capt. Joseph Brown, of the county of Burlington and being read, the same was ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled, " An Act to amend an act, entitled an act to regulate the fisheries and to prevent the obstruction of the navigation in the river Delaware," was read a second time and committed to Messrs Anderson, Corlison, Rutherford, Nicoll and Swain.

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs Hardenbergh, Dr. Elmer, Marsh, Nicoll, Newbold, Anderson, Townsend, Little and Clement, be a committee to examine the act for raising a revenue of £. 31259 5 0 per annum, and the act for raising a sum of money by tax, to pay the interest on the state debt, and report what measures would be proper to be taken by the Legislature respecting the same.

Mr. Marsh reported that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, May 22, 1790.

THAT Mr. Haring and Mr. Mayhue, or either of them be a committee to join the committee of the House of Assembly for the purpose of counting and burning certain cancelled Revenue and Loan Office money now in the Treasury, and that Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The bill entitled, " An Act to authorize the Treasurer of this state to pay the Invalid Pensioners the arrearages of their pensions to the fourth day of March, " one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

The House adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

Monday,

Monday, May 24, 1790.

The House met.

The Speaker attended and took his seat.

Mr. Cook from the committee appointed to join a committee of Council, to receive from the Treasurer, and count and burn the cancelled money in his hands, brought in the following report :

WE the committee of both Houses do hereby certify, that James Mott, Esq. Treasurer, has delivered to us the sum of five thousand nine hundred and fifty-three pounds fifteen shillings and three-pence Revenue money, cancelled by Benjamin Van-Cleve and James Ewing, Esquires, the 12th and 14th of May, agreeably to an act passed 24th November, 1788, as by the statement delivered to the House by the Speaker the 19th instant, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committee,

PETRUS HARING,
ELLIS COOK.

Mr. Outwater from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Van-Alen, reported as follows :

THAT in the opinion of your committee, the vouchers accompanying the petition, fully support the facts therein set forth, therefore compensation ought to be made to the petitioner for sixty-two acres of land, which appears to be paid for by him to the commissioner through mistake, and which is not included in his deed.

By order of the committee,

JOHN OUTWATER.

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

A petition from John Blackwell, praying that the Treasurer may be directed to pay him the arrearages of interest due him on a certain Loan-Office certificate, was read and dismissed.

A petition from Nathan Crane, a prisoner confined in the goal of Monmouth county for debt, praying for reasons therein contained, that he may by law be liberated from his confinement, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Wade attended and took his seat, and having rendered an excuse for his non-attendance before this time,

Resolved, That the same is satisfactory.

Mr. Wither Spoon and Mr. Condict, returned and took their seats.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer, informing the legislature the disadvantages that the State will lie under in receiving coppers in the payment of taxes, was read and referred to the committee appointed to enquire into the cause of the depreciation of the copper coin of this State.

A petition from Mary Jouet, praying that a law may be passed placing her part of her deceased father's personal estate upon the same footing and in the hands of
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the same Trustees, as her part of the money arising from the sale of his real estate is put in by a law of this State, was read and committed to Messrs Marsh and Dr. Elmer, to report thereon.

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs Davenport, Rutherford and Wither Spoon, be a committee to examine and report such grammatical and letteral corrections as may be necessary in all bills, which have been debated and amended in the House, and by them ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A petition from Joseph Decker, of the county of Suffolk, and a petition from sundry Inhabitants of said county, setting forth that the said Joseph Decker, had collected as a collector of taxes, a considerable sum of old Loan-Office money which he did not pay forward in time, that the same could be received by the Treasury, and desiring that a law may be passed to direct the county of Suffolk to compensate him for the losses he has sustained in the receipt of the said money, was read and dismissed.

✓ The bill entitled, "An Act for altering the time of holding the town-meetings, and for regulating the elections of town-officers," was read the second time.

A motion was made that the title of the said bill be amended to read as follows; "An Act for regulating the election of town-officers," to which the House agreed.

The House having made sundry further amendments to the said bill, the same was ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Kitchel and Mr. Biddle, attended and took their seats, and having rendered an excuse for their non-attendance before this time,

Resolved, That the same is satisfactory.

Mr. Marsh from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Mary Jouet, reported as follows:

THAT they have examined the law that divides the real estate of Jonathan Hampton, Esq. deceased, and that in their opinion the said Mary Jouet, ought to have leave to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of her petition.

By order of the committee,

DANIEL MARSH.

To which the House agreed: whereupon,

Mr. Marsh in behalf of the petitioner, presented the draught of a bill entitled, "A supplement to an act entitled, An Act for enabling Trustees to sell and dispose of the real estate of Jonathan Hampton, late of Elizabeth-Town, in the county of Essex, Esquire, deceased, for the uses and purposes mentioned therein," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Outwater from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of Elizabeth Vanderlinde and Hannes Van-Emburch, reported as follows:

THAT

THAT in their opinion the Treasurer ought to be directed to issue a certificate in favor of Elizabeth Vanderlinde, for the sum of fifty-six pounds five shillings, and to issue a certificate in favor of Hannes Van-Emburch, for the sum of nineteen pounds nineteen shillings, if so much there shall remain in the hands of the Treasurer of the confiscated estate of Cornelius Dykeman, with interest from the date thereof.

By order of the committee,

JAMES ROGERS.

To which the House agreed.

Ordered, That Mr. Rogers have leave of absence on account of his indisposition.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Treasurer of this state to pay the Invalid Pensioners the arrearages of their pensions, to the fourth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine," was read and compared.

On the question, whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Outwater, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Nicoll, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. M'Dowell, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Little, |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Witherspoon, |
| Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Hardenbergh, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Townsend, |
| Mr. Biddle, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Swain, |
| Mr. Jones, | Mr. Hankinson, | |
| Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Beardlee, | |
| Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Rutherford. | |
| Mr. Clement, | | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Bonney do carry the said bill to the Council for their concurrence.

A petition from Ephraim Pyatt, praying that he may have a certificate issued to him for one that he was formerly possessed of, for monies due him from the state, and which he has lost, was read and committed to Messrs Biddle and Kitchel to report thereon.

Sundry petitions from the township of Elizabeth, in the county of Essex, praying that an act for incorporating the Borough of Elizabeth in said county, passed the last sitting, may be repealed, was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants of the county of Essex and Morris, praying the Legislature to take measures for the abolition of slavery, was read and committed to Messrs Witherspoon, Outwater and Clement, to report thereon.

A petition from the town-meeting of the township of Gloucester, in the county of Gloucester, praying that an act may be passed to authorize them to repair their roads by hire, and to raise money for that purpose, was read and committed to the committee appointed to revise the road act.

A petition from Col. Samuel Forman, late a commissioner for confiscated estates for Monmouth county, praying a confirmation to a title for Lands sold him, which was conveyed as the property late of Oliver Delaſney, was read and ordered a second reading.

The Houſe adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Tuesday, May 25, 1790.

The Houſe met.

Mr. Cooper attended and took his ſeat, and having rendered to the Houſe an excuſe for his non-attendance before this time,

Reſolved, That the ſame is ſatisfactory.

A petition from Reuben Potter, of the county of Middleſex, accompanied with fundry accounts againſt fugitives, whoſe eſtates have been confiscated to this ſtate, was read and referred to Meſſrs Little, Cooper and Maſh.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill entitled, “ An Act to aſcertain the “ grounds of divorce from the marriage bond,” was read a ſecond time, and the title thereof agreed to, and after ſome time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the ſaid bill be re-committed to Meſſrs Rutherford, Hardenbergh, Kitchel, Cooper and Dr. Elmer.

Meſſrs Blair, Wetherby and Axford, members of the grand committee appointed at the laſt ſitting for ſettling the quotas of the ſeveral counties, being abſent, Meſſrs Witherſpoon, Holme and Anderson were appointed to join the ſaid committee in their place.

The Houſe adjourned to three o’clock, P. M.

The Houſe met.

A petition from Enos Dod and Philip Denman, priſoners confined in the gaol of Eſſex county for debt, praying that a law would paſs to liberate them from their confinement, was read and ordered a ſecond reading.

A petition from John Noble Cumming and John Inſkeep, in behalf of themſelves and their associates, proprietors of the line of Stages from Philadelphia to Pauſes Hook, praying an excluſive right by law, to run a line of Stages on that road, on their paying for ſuch licence to the State, twelve hundred Spaniſh milled dollars was read and ordered a ſecond reading.

A petition from the Inhabitants of Orange, members of the ſecond Preſbyterian Congregation in Newark, praying that they may have leave to preſent a bill to amend the act for incorporating fundry perſons, Truſtees of the ſecond Preſbyterian Church in Newark, was read.

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to preſent a bill to answer the prayer of the ſaid petition : whereupon,

Mr.

Mr. Condict in behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill entitled, " An Act to amend an act, entitled, an act for incorporating fundry persons as Trustees of the second Presbyterian Church in Newark," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from John Stevens, jun. setting forth that he is qualified by law to receive five years interest on Loan-Office Certificates in his possession, that he has received thereon three years interest; and praying that the Treasurer may be directed to complete the payment of five years interest on his said Certificates, was read and committed to Messrs Kitchel and Outwater, to report thereon.

A message from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, May 25, 1790.

THAT Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the bill entitled, " An Act to authorize Samuel Macfarson and David Macfarson, executors of the testament and last will of John Macfarson, deceased, to convey certain lands of the said deceased, to Imlay Drake, and receive the consideration money agreeably to a contract made by the said John Macfarson in his life-time," and the bill entitled, " An Act to authorize the Treasurer of the State to pay the Invalid Pensioners the arrearages of their Pensions to the 4th day of March, 1789," are passed by this House without amendment.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill entitled, " An Act to alter the place of holding the Supreme Court of Judicature of this state, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time, the title thereof agreed to, and the preamble and the first section rejected.

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Wednesday, May 26, 1790.

The House met.

Mr. Axford attended and took his seat, and having rendered to the House an excuse for his non-attendance before this time,

Resolved, That the same is satisfactory.

Mr. Elmer from the committee to whom the report of Mr. Wade on the petition of James Board and Catherine Kuyper was referred, reported as follows:

THAT the said James Board has stated an account of £. 171 6 6 as the amount of a judgment and costs of suit recovered against him as commissioner of confiscated estates, for selling property which he supposed to be forfeited, and which since appears belonged to another person, and that as the said James Board acted in the line of his duty as an officer of this state while selling the property, and as it appears that he has since taken every measure to enquire into the propriety of the demand against him, your committee are of opinion that he should be paid the sum of £. 168 10 0 which it appears to them he has actually expended, and they recommend a resolution of this House, directing the Treasurer to make such payment.

By order of the committee,

EBENEZER ELMER.

To which the House agreed.

Mr.

Mr. Witherspoon from the committee appointed to take into consideration the petition for the abolition of Negro slavery, reported as follows :

THAT on considering how the law stands at present on this subject, they find

1. That by the law now in force, the importation of slaves into this state is prohibited, not only from Africa, but from any other part of the world, excepting the actual servants of emigrants from other states or occasional residents.

2. That the exportation of slaves from this state without their own consent, is also prohibited, so that they cannot be sold to such place as to make their condition worse than before.

3. That the law as it now stands, gives great encouragement to the voluntary manumission of slaves.

4. That by the law as it now stands, slaves are protected in their persons against violence, and that not only from indifferent persons, but in case of wanton cruelty and barbarous usage by their masters themselves : That this state might pass a law making all who shall be born in it after the passing of the law, free at a certain age, for example 28 years as is the case in Pennsylvania, but that from the state of society among us, the prevalence and progress of the principles of universal liberty there is little reason to think there will be any slaves at all among us 28 years hence, and that experience seems to shew that precepitation in the matter may do more hurt than good, not only to the citizens of the state in general, but to the slaves themselves.

On these accounts the committee are of opinion, that it is not necessary nor expedient at this time, to make any new law upon the subject.

In name of the committee,

JOHN WITHERSPOON.

To which the House agreed.

Mr. Little from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Reuben Potter, reported as follows :

THAT they have examined the vouchers produced by said Potter in support of his petition, and find that there appears to be due to him from the estate of Alexander Watson, deceased, the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds seven shillings and nine pence ; and from the estate of David Gosling, the sum of one hundred and seventeen pounds six shillings and six pence, for which sums in the opinion of your committee, the Treasurer of the state ought to issue a certificate drawing interest from this date to the said Potter, if so much money remains in the treasury of each seperate estate.

And the said Potter also produced an account against his son Ellis Potter, which not being satisfactory to your committee, they submit to the consideration of the House.

By order of the committee,

THOMAS LITTLE.

To the first and last part of the said report the House agreed, and to the second the House disagree.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to present a resolution agreeably to the first part of the said report, that the Treasurer give him a certificate for £. 150 7 9

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this state be directed and authorized to pay James Board, Esq. for his and the use of Catherine Kuyper, the sum of one hundred and sixty-eight pounds ten shillings, being the amount of a judgment, including costs of suit recovered against him in the Supreme Court of this state in defending a suit brought against him, as late one of the commissioners of forfeited estates for the county of Bergen, by John Mead, for property said to have belonged to a certain John Demott, a refugee from the said county; but which by the verdict of a jury and the judgment of the said court, appeared to have been the property of the said Mead; and the receipt of the said Board, shall be a sufficient voucher for the said Treasurer in the settlement of his accounts with this state.

Ordered, That Mr. Little do carry the said resolution to the Council for their concurrence.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Mr. Kitchel in behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, entitled, " An Act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadows, swamps and low lands on the river Passaic and its several branches between the Little Falls and the mill-dam at Chatham, to break up the reef near said Falls, and to dig canals for the more effectual draining said Lands, and to raise money for that purpose," which was read with three several petitions, praying that the same may be enacted into a law: whereupon,

Three petitions were presented to the House from Inhabitants of Morris, Essex and Bergen, praying that the said bill may not pass, and several persons concerned in behalf of the Petitioners for and against the bill, being present, they were heard by the House in favor of the bill and against the same.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a second time.

A petition from Daniel Lee, stating a demand against a forfeited estate, and shewing reasons why he had not produced his account for payment before, was read and committed to Messrs Outwater and Davenport.

A petition from Benjamin Tyson, of the county of Hunterdon, praying to be re-imburshed a sum of money he paid into the Treasury of the state through mistake, as the property of a person whose estate was confiscated to this state, was read and committed to Messrs Nicoll, Axford and Dr. Elmer.

A petition from the board of justices and freeholders of the county of Salem, praying that a law may be passed to enable the justices and freeholders to draw all the records any way pertaining to the lands in the county of Salem, from the Secretary's office, and lodge them in the office of the Clerk of the court of the said county of Salem, was read.

Ordered, That Mr. Holme be appointed to bring in a bill for that purpose.

The bill entitled, " An Act for altering certain clauses in the charter of the Corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of the Clergymen of the

“ Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America,” was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Blair attended and took his seat, and having rendered an excuse for his non-attendance before this time,

Resolved, That the same is satisfactory.

A message from the Council by Mr. Ellis.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, May 26, 1790.

THAT Mr. Ellis do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the bill entitled, “ An Act for building a court-house and gaol in the county of Hunterdon, and to raise money for that purpose,” is passed by this House without amendment.

A petition from Thomas Henderfon and Peter Knott, administrators, &c. of David Knott, late of the county of Monmouth, deceased, praying leave to present a bill to authorize them to fulfil certain contracts and agreements made and entered into by the said David Knott, deceased, relative to the sale of lands, which was read with a petition from sundry Inhabitants of Monmouth in favor thereof; whereupon,

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill to answer the purposes aforesaid.

A petition from Silvester Telton, setting forth that he was wounded in the service of the United States, that he was at great expence for nursing and doctors bills in consequence thereof, and praying a compensation from the state, was read and ordered a second reading.

The Speaker laid before the House, agreeably to leave given at the last sitting, and in behalf of the petitioners, the draught of a bill entitled, “ A Supplement to an act, entitled, an act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadow and marsh, lying on Newton Creek in the county of Gloucester, to make and maintain a bank, dam and necessary water-works to stop the tide out of the said Creek, and to keep the water-course thereof open and clear,” whereupon, five several petitions, praying that the same be passed into a law, were read, and a petition from the proprietors of the Toll-Bridge, against including them in the said bill was also read.

James Sloan being present, was heard on the part of the petitioners for the bill, and Samuel Harrison in opposition to the passing the same.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a second time.

Mr. Little in behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, entitled, “ An Act to authorize and empower Thomas Henderfon, Esq. and Peter Knott, administrators, &c. of David Knott, deceased, to fulfil certain contracts and agreements made and entered into by the said David Knott, relative to the sale of Lands,” which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

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Mr. Biddle from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Ephraim Pyatt, reported as follows :

THAT the vouchers accompanying said petition are sufficient to convince them that the certificate alluded to in said petition was actually lost, and that they do not find any general law whereby it can possibly be liquidated and paid.

They are of opinion that a law ought to be passed to direct the Treasurer for the time being, to issue a certificate payable to the said Pyatt or his order, for the sum of thirty-one pounds thirteen shillings and four-pence, in lieu of the said certificate, lost as aforesaid.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH BIDDLE.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said report be postponed.

A petition from a number of Inhabitants of the town of Princeton, praying for reason therein contained, that they may have the benefit of a lottery the better to enable them to repair their Church in that place, which was injured by the devastations of the Army during the late war, was read and ordered a second reading.

Dr. Elmer in behalf of the petitioners and agreeably to leave given, presented the draught of a bill entitled, " An Act to authorize the surveyors of the highways " to vacate or alter a certain six rod road in the township of Woodbridge," which was read and ordered a second reading on Tuesday next in the afternoon.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Thursday, May 27, 1790.

The House met:

The Speaker being detained by sickness from the House, Mr. Jones took the chair.

Mr. Nicoll from the committee to whom the petition of Benjamin Tyfon, was referred reported as follows :

THAT upon examining the papers attending the petition, and calculating the payment made to the State, they are of opinion that nothing is due from the State to said Tyfon, and recommend to the House to dismiss the petition.

ISAAC NICOLL.

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed,

Mr. Kitchel from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Stevens, jun. reported as follows :

THAT upon examination of the law they are of opinion, that the Treasurer is not authorized to pay up five years interest upon Mr. Stevens' Certificates without the interposition of the Legislature, and that as there are several other of the citizens of this State in similar circumstances, if any further provision is made for paying interest, they recommend it to be general:

By order of the committee,

AARON KITCHEL.

To which the House agreed.

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A petition from a number of the Inhabitants of the township of Great Egg-Harbour, in the county of Gloucester, praying that such alterations may be made in the election law that votes may be taken in the several townships of that county, was read and ordered to be read with the election bill.

The bill entitled, " An Act to authorize and empower Thomas Henderson, Esq. and Peter Knott, administrators, &c. of David Knott, deceased, to fulfil certain contracts and agreements made and entered into by the said David Knott, relative to the sale of lands," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from the Council by Mr. Mayhue.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, May 27, 1790.

THAT Mr. Mayhue do carry to the House of Assembly, the bill entitled, " An Act for incorporating a certain number of Physicians and Surgeons of this state by the style and title of the Medical Society of New-Jersey," and request their concurrence therein; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from John Thorn, of the county of Monmouth, praying a law might pass to prevent his being confined for debt, and the several petitions from insolvent debtors, were read a second time.

Ordered, That the said petitions be dismissed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Little reported, that, he had obeyed the order of the House.

The engrossed bill, entitled, " An Act for altering certain clauses in the charter of the corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of the Seamen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Witherspoon do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The bill entitled, " An Act to prescribe the manner of appointing Senators of the United States and electors of the President of the United States, on the part of this state," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled, " An Act to amend an act, entitled, An Act for incorporating sundry persons as trustees of the second Presbyterian Church in Newark," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill, entitled, " An Act to authorize and empower Thomas Henderson, Esq. and Peter Knott, administrators, &c. of David Knott, dec. to fulfil certain contracts and agreements made and entered into by the said David Knott, relative to the sale of lands," was read and compared.

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On the question, whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Witherspoon, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Outwater, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Davenport, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Biddle, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Burgin. |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Kitchel, | |
| Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Clement, | Dr. Elmer, | |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Holme, | Mr. Hankinson, | |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Beardlee, | |
| Mr. Little, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Rutherford. | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Biddle do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The bill entitled, “ An Act to enforce the attendance and to specify the qualifications of the members of the Legislative Council and General Assembly of this state,” was read a second time.

A motion was made, that no person authorized to try causes to the amount of £. 12 shall be eligible to a seat in the General Assembly.

On the question, whether the House agree thereto, it was carried in the negative as follows :

| Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. |
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| Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Davenport, |
| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Biddle, | Mr. Clement, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Swain, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Holme, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Townsend, | Dr. Elmer, |
| Mr. Marsh, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Beardlee, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Rutherford. |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Kitchel, | |
| Mr. Little, | Mr. Burgin, | |
| Mr. Witherspoon, | Mr. Hankinson. | |

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The order of the day being called for on the petition from Salem county, praying leave to present a bill for the repeal of a Meadow Law, and no person appearing to present a bill agreeably to the order of the House, the said petition was read and dismissed.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Friday, May 28, 1790.

The House met.

Mr. Outwater from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Lee, reported :

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THAT having examined the vouchers accompanying said petition, and find they fully support the facts therein set forth, therefore they are of opinion that the Treasurer ought to be directed to issue a certificate in favor of Daniel Lee, for the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds eleven shillings and one penny, with interest from the date hereof, if so much there shall remain in the hands of the Treasurer, of the confiscated estate of Ebenezer Foster.

By order of the committee,

JOHN OUTWATER.

To which the House agreed.

The report of Mr. Biddle, entered yesterday, was taken into consideration and agreed to : whereupon,

Mr. Biddle in behalf of the petitioner, presented the draught of a bill, entitled, " An Act for the relief of Ephraim Pyatt," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resumed the consideration of the petition of John Dennis, which being read the second time, and some debate had thereon,

Ordered, That Messrs Marsh, Dr. Elmer, Nicoll, Wade and Elijah Townsend, or any three of them, be a committee to examine and settle Mr. Dennis' accounts, as late Treasurer, and that Mr. Davenport do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join a committee of this House for that purpose.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, " A Supplement to an act, entitled, An Act to enable the owners and possessors of meadow and marsh lying on Newton Creek, in the county of Gloucester, to make and maintain a bank, dam and necessary water-works to stop the tide out of said creek, and to keep the water-course thereof open and clear," and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed,

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

A petition from Jonathan Stiles, late collector of the county of Morris, praying a law to discharge him from any responsibility as collector, and exonerate him from all costs and charges that may have accrued on the suit commenced against him by James Mott, Esq. Treasurer of the State, which said petition was accompanied with minutes of the Board of Justices and Freeholders of said county, and a petition from the said Board on the subject accompanied with sundry accounts, were read and committed to Messrs Axford, Wade and Marsh, to examine the facts and report thereon to the House.

A petition from Mary Difosway, stating a demand against a forfeited estate, and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs Cook, Marsh and Bonney, to report thereon to the House.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled, " A Supplement to the act, entitled, An Act to enable the owners and possessors of meadow and marsh lying on Newton Creek, in the county of Gloucester, to make and maintain a bank, dam and necessary water works to stop the tide out of said creek, and

“ and to keep the water-course thereof open and clear,” and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Hardenbergh from the committee appointed for that purpose, brought in the draught of a bill entitled, “ An Act for promoting the interest of religion and morality, and for the suppressing of vice among all ranks of people within this State,” which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Outwater in conformity with his report of this morning, brought in the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized and directed to issue a certificate to Daniel Lee, for the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds eleven shillings and one penny, with interest from the date hereof, being the amount of the principal, and interest due on a certain bond given by Ebenezer Foster, late a refugee from the county of Middlesex, to David Edgar, on behalf of the estate of John Lee, deceased, and which by assignment became the property of the said Daniel Lee, if so much shall remain in the hands of the said Treasurer of the confiscated estate of Ebenezer Foster.

Ordered, That Mr. Holme do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Saturday, May 29, 1790.

The House met.

A petition from Reuben Randolph, of the county of Monmouth, praying the Legislature would make an order to re-emburse him for wine furnished the Troops while on duty in the said county, in the winter of 1776, was read and referred to next sitting.

Mr. Rutherford from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William M. Bell, reported as follows :

THAT it appears by the vouchers accompanying the said petition, that the said William M. Bell purchased the Farm and Mills at Slaughterdam, in the county of Bergen, from the agent of forfeited estates for that county with an idea that the same were really and truly the property of Thomas Duncan, that the fact was so stated by the said agent at the time of the sale, and that the sum paid by Mr. Bell, was equal to the full value of the said Farm and Mills, and which sum has been paid into the Treasury of the state—that it has since appeared by an investigation in the court of Chancery, that Mr. Duncan was never lawfully seized of the said property, for which reason Mr. Bell has been dispossessed of it.

That from the above facts the committee are of opinion, that a certificate or certificates should be issued by the Treasurer of the state, to the said William M. Bell, for two thousand five hundred and fifty six pounds and four pence, being the amount of the sum by him paid into the Treasury of the state, with interest from the first day of April last, which was the day when Mr. Bell was dispossessed of the said Farm and Mills, and that the Treasurer should demand of the said agent, the sum which he has been allowed as his commission on the sale of the said property.

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The committee beg leave further to observe, that it appeared on the investigation of the above facts, that Jacobus Postis indebted to the estate of the said Thomas Duncan, in the sum of eight hundred pounds, with interest, and that this state is entitled to forty acres of land in the county of Bergen, as the property of the said Thomas Duncan, which facts they recommend to the attention of the proper officers.

By order of the committee,

JOHN RUTHERFURD.

Ordered, That the consideration of the said report be postponed.

Mr. Davenport reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A message from the Council by Mr. Van-Cleve.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, May 29, 1790.

THAT Mr. Dayton and Mr. Van-Cleve, or either of them, be a committee to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of examining and settling Mr. Dennis' accounts as late Treasurer, and that Mr. Van-Cleve do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Outwater brought forward the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized and directed to issue a certificate to Elizabeth Vanderlinde, for the sum of fifty-six pounds five shillings, and to Hannes Van-Emburgh, for the sum of nineteen pounds and nineteen shillings, it being the amount of the principal and interest due on a certain bond given by Cornelius Dikeman, late a refugee from the county of Bergen, one of which to Benjamin Vanderlinde, dec. and which since became the property of Elizabeth Vanderlinde, relict of the said Benjamin Vanderlinde, and the other to said Hannes Van-Emburgh, if so much shall remain in the hands of the Treasurer of the confiscated estate of Cornelius Dikeman.

Ordered, That Mr. Townsend do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

The order of the day of the 21st instant being called for, Col. Ward attended the House, and after having heard sundry evidences examined and cross-examined,

Ordered, That the said business be referred to Messrs Davenport, Dr. Elmer and Mr. Kitchel, who are directed to examine such further testimony as may be offered by Col. Ward and the testimony of Caleb Bruen and wife on behalf of the state, to take their affidavits on the subject, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Axford from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Stiles, reported as follows :

THAT in their opinion, the House ought to summon Caleb Russell, Esq. to appear before this House to shew cause why he has not taken upon himself the office of county collector, agreeably to an appointment made by the justices and freeholders of the county of Morris.

By order of the committee,

CHARLES AXFORD.

To which the House agreed : whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Caleb Russell be notified by Jonathan Stiles, Esq. to attend this House on Thursday the third day of June next, for the purpose mentioned in the said report.

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The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an act, entitled, An Act to enable the owners and possessors of Meadow and Marsh lying on Newton Creek in the county of Gloucester, to make and maintain a bank, dam and necessary waterworks to stop the tide out of said creek, and to keep the water-course thereof open and clear."

A question was taken, whether the sixth section in the said bill, repealing the ninth section of the act, of which this is a supplement, should be expunged, and it was carried in the negative.

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

A petition from Samuel Hays, praying that the Treasurer may be directed to discharge the balance due from the state to him as late commissioner of forfeited estates in the county of Essex, amounting to £. 131 10 1 specie, as appears by the certificate of James Ewing, Esq. late auditor, accompanying his petition, which was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Abraham Manning, formerly Sheriff of Bergen, praying leave to pay forward certificates to the Treasurer, in discharge of a judgment obtained against him by James Mott, Treasurer of the state, and stating reasons why he makes such a request, was read and committed to Messrs Nicoll, Wade and Swain, to report thereon.

The House adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock:

Monday, May 31, 1790.

The House met.

The Speaker attended and took his seat.

A petition from the trustees of the road and ferries from Newark to the road leading from Bergen-Point to Paules Hook, praying the trustees, or any others to be by law named, may be authorized to erect Toll-Bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackensack, on the road from Philadelphia to New-York, accompanied with a statement and calculation of the practicability and probable expence thereof, by Mr. George Cabot, was read.

Ordered, That leave be given to present a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the said petition, on the first Thursday of the next sitting, the petitioners previously advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, in the news-paper printed at Elizabeth-Town, one of the news-papers in New-York, and in five of the most public places in each of the counties of Bergen and Essex.

Ordered, That Mr. Anderson have leave of absence.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Nicoll from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill, entitled, "An Act to regulate roads and bridges, and to repeal the former one for that purpose," which was read and referred to next sitting.

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Mr. Davenport from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill, entitled, " An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the township of Waterford and town of Gloucester, in the county of Gloucester, and the Inhabitants of the township of Northampton, in the county of Burlington, to repair their public highways by hire, and to raise money for that purpose," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The Speaker laid before the House, a memorial from the Honorable James Kinsey, John Chetwood and Abraham Ogden, Esq's. appointed by the Legislature for the purpose of revising the practice act, and amending the practice in the courts of Chancery, accompanied with a bill, entitled, " An Act for the appointment of certain persons to sit with and assist the Chancellor on the final hearing of all causes to direct the mode of the examination of witnesses in the court of Chancery, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

And also a bill, entitled, " An Act to regulate the practice of the law, and for other purposes therein mentioned," which were read and ordered a second reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, on the petition from the Inhabitants of the county of Monmouth of the 24th November last, shewing that Lydia Whitlock, relict of John Whitlock, receives the half pay of a Lieutenant when her husband was no other than a Serjeant : whereupon,

The House went into the examination of witnesses to support the facts set forth in the said petition, and after having gone through the said examination ; On the question whether the facts set forth in the said petition are sufficiently supported to induce this House to take any further order thereon, it was carried in the negative : whereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition be dismissed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, " A Supplement to an act, entitled, An Act to enable the owners and possessors of Meadow and Marsh lying on Newton Creek, in the county of Gloucester, to make and maintain a bank, dam and necessary waterworks, to stop the tide out of said Creek, and to keep the water-course thereof open and clear," and after having gone through the same and amended the bill by paragraphs,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

Mr. Townsend reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Mr. Holme reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A message from the Council by Mr. Ogden.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, May 31, 1790.

THAT Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them that the bill entitled, " An Act to authorize Thomas Henderson, Esq. and Peter Knott, administrators of David Knott, deceased, to fulfil certain contracts and agreements made and entered into by the said David Knott, relative to the sale of lands," and the bill entitled, An Act for altering certain clauses in the charter of the corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America,"

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are passed by this House without amendment : And that this House agree to the resolution relative to directing the Treasurer to issue a certificate unto Daniel Lee, for the sum of £. 120 11 1 &c.

A message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, May 31, 1790.

THAT Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House agree to the resolution relative to directing the Treasurer to pay James Board the sum of £. 168 10 0 &c. for his, and the use of Catherine Kuyper.

A petition from Elias Drummond and Mary Drummond in behalf of the Orphan children of Robert Drummond, deceased, whose estate was confiscated to and vested in this state, praying that the Legislature would direct that such part of the estate of the said Robert Drummond, which hath not been paid forward to the Treasurer, might be vested in the said Orphan children, was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled, “ An Act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadows, swamps and low lands on the river Passaick and its several branches between the Little Falls and the mill-dam at Chatham, to break up the reefs near said Falls, and to dig canals for the more effectual draining said Lands, and to raise money for that purpose,” was read a second time and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The report of the committee of the 29th instant on the memorial of William M. Bell, was read a second time and agreed to : whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the state be authorized and directed to issue to William M. Bell, a certificate to the amount of the sum of two thousand five hundred and fifty-six pounds and four pence, with interest from the first day of April last.

Ordered, That Mr. Cook do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Little, in conformity with his report on Reuben Potter's petition, which was in part agreed to, laid before the House on behalf of the petitioner, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a certificate unto Reuben Potter, of the county of Middlesex, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds seven shillings and nine pence, with interest from the 29th instant, being the amount of a debt due him from the estate of Alexander Watson, dec. if so much shall remain in the hands of the Treasurer of the confiscated estate of the said Alexander Watson.

Ordered, That Mr. Axford do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Tuesday, June 1, 1790.

The House met.

Mr. Cooper from the committee, appointed to settle the quotas of the several counties in this state, beg leave to report the following table of the ratables in this state, taken from the assessors duplicates and abstracts, for the year 1789, and also an estimate of their comparative value.

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An ESTIMATE of the RATABLES—

| Counties. | Acres of improved land. | Acres of unimproved land. | Horses at 20 shillings each. | Horned cattle at 10s each. | Houses and Lots. | Merchants and Shopkeepers at £. 75. | Fulleries at £. 50. | Saw mills at £. 40. | Grist mills at £. 60. | Felling mills at £. 40. | Furnaces at £. 250. | Forges and Bloomeries at £. 75. |
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| Taverns at £. 40. | Tan-yards at £. 40. | Ferries at £. 200. | Vessels at £. 30. | Single man and Horse at £. 15. | Single men at £. 10. | Slaves at £. 10. | Coaches, &c. at £. 50. | Two horse Chaises at £. 20. | Riding Chairs at £. 5. | Covered waggons on springs at £. 15. | Covering horses at £. 25. | Total amount of pounds, value in each County. | Quotas of each county, in : tax at £. 50,000. |
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By order of the committee,

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CHARLES AXFORD.

The committee beg leave further to report the following facts, for the consideration of the House, to wit: That the county of Bergen has returned 25,698 acres of improved land less than appears to be contained in the estimate of the year 1784, and 26,664 acres more of unimproved land: That the county of Essex has returned 1,015 acres less of improved land 2,928 acres less of unimproved land, and 109 houses and lots less than in the year 1784: That the county of Gloucester has returned 15,605 acres less of unimproved land: That the county of Cape-May has returned 2,320 acres less of improved land, and 1,490 acres less of unimproved land; And that the county of Sussex has returned 41,723 acres of improved land and 137 houses and lots less than in the estimate of the year 1784. It also appears to the committee, that the county of Middlesex. was, in the year 1784, rated for only five Grist mills, when in fact there were 35 within the county, which county in consequence thereof has been under taxed for these six years past.

The committee further observe, that many inconveniences have arisen and frequent murmurs and complaints occasioned by reason of the discretionary authority vested by law in the assessors, to rate several articles in such manner as they think proper, and which articles the committee conceive ought to have a certain and determinate sum affixed to them throughout every part of the state; from these considerations, the committee report to the House the following list of articles, which they are of opinion ought to pay a certain specific sum each, together with the sums which they conceive would be proper, when a tax of £. 30,000 is levied within the state, and so in proportion if a greater or less sum is raised, and which list, if approved of by the House, will serve as a direction to the assessors of the several townships and precincts at what rate to tax such articles in future.

All single men with horses, 15/ each.

All single men without horses, 10/ each.

All covering horses above three years old, 40/ each.

All other horses two years old and upwards, 1/

All cattle three years old and upwards, 6d.

Every coach, chariot, landau, phaeton or four wheeled chaise, 40/

Every light waggon with steel springs, 30/

Every two horse chaise or curricule, and every two wheeled riding chaise or chair with steel springs and a top, 15/

Every riding chair stuffed and lined and without steel springs, 10/

Every light covered waggon that hangs or rests on wooden springs, rockers, spars or resters, 8/

Every riding chair the body open and not stuffed or lined, 4/

Every eight-day clock or time piece with brass movements, 5/

Every sleigh, 1/

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH COOPER.

Ordered, That the said report be read a second time.

Mr. Cook from the committee, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Disoway, reported as follows:

THAT they have examined the papers accompanying the same, and are of opinion, that the petitioner ought to be appointed an agent to collect the monies that are still due to Robert Fitz Randolph in this state, and that before she enter

enter upon the business of her agency, she shall exhibit on oath, an account to the Treasurer of the state of all the debts due to the said Robert, which shall come to her knowledge, and that she be allowed to deduct from the monies she may collect, the sum of two hundred and thirteen pounds nine shillings and three pence, it being the amount of the monies she paid for the said Robert, and if the money so collected shall amount to more than the sum abovementioned, she shall pay to the said Treasurer in certificates of this state, the amount of such surplus, and shall finally settle all the accounts with the said Robert Fitz Randolph or his agent when legally called on for that purpose.

By order of the committee,

ELLIS COOK.

Ordered, That the consideration of the said report be postponed.

Mr. Hardenbergh from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill, entitled, "An Act for the better regulating the granting licences for the holding of taverns, inns and ordinaries within this state," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Treasurer, accompanied with a copy of the return of the state debt, and a copy of the returns of the invalids, widows and orphans who have drawn pensions in this state, which he had made out and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury and Secretary at War, which was read and ordered to be filed.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An Act to prescribe the manner of appointing Senators of the United States and electors of the President of the United States on the part of this state," was read and compared.

On the question, whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Biddle, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Wade, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Condict, |
| Mr. Marth, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Blair, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Cook, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Clement, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Kitchel. |
| Mr. Little, | Mr. Holme, | Mr. Hankinson, | |
| Mr. Witherpoon, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Beardlee, | |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Rutherford. | |

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An Act to amend an act for incorporating sundry persons as trustees of the second Presbyterian Church in Newark," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill entitled, "A Supplement to the act, entitled, An Act to enable the owners and possessors of meadow and marsh on Newton Creek, in the county of Gloucester, to make and maintain a bank, dam and necessary water works to stop the tide out of said creek, and to keep the water-course thereof open and clear," was read and compared.

On the question, whether the same do pass it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

Yeas.

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays: |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Biddle, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Nicoll, |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Benson, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Marsh, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Newbold, |
| Mr. Little, | Mr. Holme, | Mr. Elmer, | Mr. Davenport, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Townsend, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Cook, |
| Mr. Wither Spoon, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Rutherford. |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Beardlee. | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Cook do carry the said bills to the Council and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Cook reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Two messages from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 1, 1790.

THAT Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House concur in the resolution relative to directing the Treasurer to issue a certificate to Reuben Potter, for the sum of £. 150 7 9 &c.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 1, 1790.

THAT Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House agree to the resolution relative to directing the Treasurer to issue a certificate to Elizabeth Vanderlinde, for the sum of £. 56 5 0 and to Hannes Van-Emburch, for the sum of £. 19 19 0 &c.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill entitled, " An Act to authorize the Surveyors of the highways, to vacate or alter a certain six rod road in the township of Woodbridge," was read a second time, and the petitions for and against the same were also read, and the petitioners heard before the House: whereupon,

A motion was made to amend the title of the said bill to read as follows: " An Act for appointing commissioners to alter, relay or vacate part of a six rod road in the township of Woodbridge, as the same shall appear just and proper to them."

To which the House agreed.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The bill entitled, " An Act for incorporating a certain number of Physicians and Surgeons of this state, by the style and title of The Medical Society of New-Jersey," was read a second time, debated, and ordered a third reading.

A petition from John Halstead, Esq. stating his claim against the state, and referring the House to a report of their committee as entered on the minutes, June 1, 1787, and which was approved of by the House, and praying that they would provide for the discharge of his demand against the state; was read and committed to Messrs Wither Spoon, Hankinson and Davenport, to make a further report thereon to the House.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

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The House met.

A petition from John West, a prisoner confined in the common gaol of Burlington for debt, praying that a law may be passed to relieve him from confinement, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled, " A Supplement to an act, entitled, An Act for enabling trustees to sell and dispose of the real estate of Jonathan Hampton, late of Elizabeth-Town, in the county of Essex, deceased, for the uses and purposes mentioned therein," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from the Inhabitants of Newton, in the county of Suffex, members of the Presbyterian congregation there, praying a law may pass to authorize them to raise money by a Lottery, the better to enable them to complete their church, which is in part built; was read and ordered a second reading with the petition from Princeton, on a similar subject.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, " An Act for appointing commissioners to alter, relay or vacate part of a six rod road in the township of Woodbridge, as the same shall appear just and proper to them," and after having gone through the said bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

The bill entitled, " An Act to regulate the election of members of the Legislative Council and General Assembly, sheriffs and coroners," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

A petition from Samuel Potter, stating a demand against the state, and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs Marsh, Jones and Dr. Elmer, to report thereon.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Wednesday, June 2, 1790.

The House met.

Mr. Hardenbergh from the committee, appointed to examine the act for raising a revenue of £. 31,259 5 0 per annum, and the act for raising a sum of money by tax, to pay the interest on the state debt, reported as follows :

THAT as the Congress of the United States will probably provide for the payment of the Continental debts, the act for raising a revenue of £. 31,259 5 0 per annum, for the term of twenty-five years, for the purpose of paying the interest and principal of debts due from the United States, agreeable to a recommendation of Congress of the 18th of April 1783, and for appropriating the same, passed December 20th, 1783, and the several supplements thereto, be suspended so far forth as to any further assessments to be made under the said acts, until the first day of December next.

And whereas, the annual interest of debts due from this state to its citizens, amounts to a greater sum than the money directed to be raised for that purpose, by the act passed June the 7th 1787, will discharge.

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Your committee are of opinion, that the additional sum of seven thousand five hundred pounds be raised in the course of the present year, to be also applied to the payment of interest due on the debt aforesaid.

By order of the committee,

JACOB R. HARDENBERGH.

To which the House agreed : whereupon,
Messrs Rutherford, Axford and Marsh, were appointed a committee to bring in bills agreeably thereto.

A petition from a number of inhabitants of the county of Monmouth, praying that the election law may be so altered, that the votes in said county may hereafter be taken *viva voce*, and not by ballot, was read and ordered a second reading with the election law.

The engrossed bill, entitled, " An Act for appointing commissioners to alter, relay, or vacate part of a six rod road in the township of Woodbridge, as the same shall appear just and proper to them," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, entitled, " A Supplement to an act, entitled, An Act for enabling trustees to sell and dispose of the real estate of Jonathan Hampton, late of Elizabeth-Town, in the county of Essex, Esquire, deceased, for the uses and purposes mentioned therein," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Burgin do carry the said bills to the Council for concurrence.

A message from the Council by Mr. Dayton.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 1, 1790.

THAT Mr. Dayton do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House concur in the resolution relative to directing the Treasurer to issue a certificate to William M. Bell for £. 2556 0 4 &c.

The petition from Samuel Furman, read on the 24th ultimo, was read a second time and committed to Messrs Davenport, Rutherford and Kitchel, to report thereon.

Mr. Burgin reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The report of the committee appointed to settle the quotas of the several counties, was read a second time.

Ordered, That Messrs Axford, Biddle and Burgin, be a committee to enquire into the facts alledged by the members of the county of Suffolk : That there was an error in the settlement of the quotas of that county in the year 1784, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Messrs Axford, Dr. Elmer and Cooper, be a committee to ascertain the additional sum which the county of Middlesex would have paid as her quota of the taxes assessed within this state since the year 1784, if that county had made an accurate return of Grift mills on the last settlement of the quotas, and that such sum, when ascertained, be charged to the county.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said report be postponed.

Mr. Witherpoon from the committee, to whom was referred the memorial of John Halstead, Esq. reported as follows :

THAT

THAT it appears to your committee, that on the 8th day of May 1780, the said memorialist purchased of William Manning and Ebenezer Ford, two of the commissioners of the county of Middlesex, to take charge of and sell the estate of certain fugitives, &c. a certain house and lot of land, situate in Perth-Amboy, as of the property of Michael Kearney, at a fair and open sale, for the sum of £. 7750 continental money; that on the eighth day of August then next following, the said John Halstead paid unto the said commissioners, the full purchase money for the said house and lot of land: That the said memorialist laid out and expended large sums of money in repairing and enclosing the said house and lot of land.

That some time in the month of January 1786, Mrs. Isabella Kearney had an action of ejectment served on the said John Halstead, to oust the said memorialist from the possession of the said house and lot: That he defended the said suit at considerable trouble and expence, when after a trial by verdict and judgment entered against him, he was in the month of April 1787, turned out of possession.

That the said memorialist, on the 22d May 1787, laid before the Legislature, whilst sitting at Burlington, a statement of the above facts, with a petition praying a reimbursement of the monies expended on the said business; that the said petition was referred to a committee, who reported on the first day of June then following, that the prayer of the said petitioner at that time should be granted, but did not report any sum due to him, neither did the House act any further on the said report than agree thereto.

This report we beg leave to lay before the House as an additional reason for the House to comply with the request of the said memorialist.

Upon the whole, your committee are decidedly of opinion, that the said John Halstead well deserves the attention of the Legislature, and that a resolution ought to pass in his favor for the sum of £. 667 12 5.

In name of the committee,

JOHN WITHERSPOON:

Ordered, That the said report be read a second time.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

The petition from Silvester Tilton, read on the 26th ultimo, was read a second time, and referred to next sitting.

Mr. Marsh from the committee, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Potter, reported as follows:

THAT it appears by the receipts produced by Col. Potter, that he hath paid 3600 dollars in December 1777, and February 1778, for bounty to sundry substitutes for the militia of his regiment on a tour of duty; and that in conformity with the laws of the state, he imposed the sum paid by him upon the delinquents, and obtained a warrant of distress, signed by two of the justices of the peace of the county of Essex for the collection of the same, but it appears that only 1868 dollars were collected, and consequently that 1732 dollars remained due to him, which by the scale of depreciation amounts to £. 431 13 6, and as it appears

to your committee, that Col. Potter has used his endeavors to collect the sum remaining and yet due to him ; but as many of the delinquents are since dead, and some removed out of the state, it has not been within his power to collect the same, they are therefore of opinion, that he ought to be reimbursed by the state.

By order of the committee,

DANIEL MARSH.

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The engrossed bill, entitled, “ An Act for incorporating a certain number of the physicians and surgeons of this state, by the style and title of The Medical Society of New-Jersey,” was read a third time.

On the question, whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Witherspoon, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Cooper, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Townsend, |
| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Biddle, | Mr. Cook, | Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Burgin. |
| Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Arnold, | |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Elmer, | |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Clement, | Dr. Elmer, | |
| Mr. Little, | Mr. Holme, | Mr. Beardlee, | |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Rutherford. | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Beardlee do carry the said bill to the Council and acquaint them, that the same is passed by this House without amendment.

A petition from Matthias Ackerman, a prisoner confined in the gaol of the county of Essex for debt, praying a law may pass to liberate him from confinement, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the state make out exemplified copies of the act of Assembly, entitled, “ An Act to authorize the keepers of the gaols of this state, to receive and safe-keep all prisoners committed under the authority of the United States,” passed November the 11th, 1789 : And also the act entitled, “ An Act to ratify on the part of this state, certain amendments to the constitution of the United States,” passed 20th November 1789, and to deliver the same to his Excellency the Governor, to be by him transmitted to the President of the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Beardlee do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Nicoll from the committee, to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Manning, late sheriff of the county of Bergen, reported as follows :

THAT it appearing to your committee, the Treasurer has in behalf of the state, obtained a judgment against the said Abraham Manning for a misdemeanor in suffering the escape of certain prisoners committed by the court of Common Pleas of the said county of Bergen ; and although the said judgment was obtained for the

the lawful money of the state, yet the particular situation of the said Abner Manning, induces your committee to suggest the propriety of authorizing the Treasurer to receive the amount of the said judgment still due, and the interest accruing thereon, in the public securities of this state, costs excepted.

By order of the committee,

ISAAC NICOLI.

To which the House agreed.

Mr. Beardslee reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A message from the Council be Mr. Martin.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 2, 1790.

THAT Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the bill, entitled, “ A Supplement to the act, entitled, An Act to enable the owners and possessors of meadows and marsh lying on Newton Creek, in the county of Gloucester, to make and maintain a bank, dam and necessary waterworks to stop the tide out of said Creek, and to keep the water-course thereof open and clear,” is passed by this House without amendment.

Mr. Axford from the committee, who were directed to enquire into the facts, alledged by the members of the county of Suffex, relative to an error in assessing the quota of that county in the year 1784, beg leave to report—

THAT on casting up the quantity of improved land in the said county in the year 1784, according to the duplicates of that year, they find that the same amounts to 204,754, instead of the quantity of 240055, as mentioned in the general estimate of that year.

The committee further find that only 133 houses and lots were assessed in the duplicates of the said year 1784, although 241 are mentioned in the abstract, which last mentioned number appears to be owing to the assessors having erroneously cast up the number of acres belonging to the houses and lots and returned the same, instead of the real number of houses.

By order of the committee,

CHARLES AXFORD;

To which the house agreed.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Thursday, June 3, 1790.

The House met:

Mr. Axford from the committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on the quotas of the several counties of the state of the public taxes, so far as said report respects the deficiencies raised in the county of Middlesex, owing to a mistake in returning only five grist mills in said county, at the time the quotas were fixed in the year 1784, when in fact, there were thirty-five, reported as follows :

THAT they have calculated with as much accuracy as possible, the advantages which the county of Middlesex derived from the abovementioned mistake during the five years past, and find that upon the several taxes imposed by the
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state in said time, the said county has not paid within three hundred pounds what it would have paid, had no such mistake happened, and recommend that the House impose on the said county, the sum of seventy-five pounds yearly, for the term of four years over and above the quota which shall be assigned to her upon the general estimate of the quotas of the several counties of the state.

By order of the committee,

CHARLES AXFORD.

To which the House agreed.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee appointed to settle the quotas of the several counties.

On the question whether the House agree to the report of the committee as to the valuation of the improved and unimproved lands in the several counties, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Wade, |
| Mr. Benson, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Condict, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Marsh, |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Little, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Biddle, |
| Mr. Wither Spoon, | Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Jones, |
| Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Newbold, |
| Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Beardflee, | Mr. Holme, |
| Mr. Clement, | Mr. Rutherford. | Mr. Kitchel, |
| Mr. Townsend, | | Dr. Elmer. |

On the question, whether Ferries shall be valued at £. 200, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Wade, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Nicoll, |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Benson, |
| Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Newbold, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Kitchel, | Dr. Elmer. |
| Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Holme, | Mr. Arnold, | |
| Mr. Little, ✓ | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Burgin, | |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Beardflee, | |
| Mr. Wither Spoon, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Rutherford. | |
| Mr. Biddle, | | | |

A motion was made to alter the valuation on Riding Chairs, as reported by the committee, from £. 5 to £. 3.

On the question, whether the House agree thereto, it was negated as follows :

| Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. | Yeas. |
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| Mr. Little, | Mr. Holme, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Blair, |
| Mr. Wither Spoon, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Benson, | Mr. Cook, |
| Mr. Biddle, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Wade, | Mr. Kitchel, |
| Mr. Jones, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Condict, | Mr. Arnold, |
| Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Beardflee, |
| Mr. Davenport, | Mr. Axford, | Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Rutherford. |
| Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. M'Dowell, | |
| Mr. Clement, | Dr. Elmer. | | |

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The House having gone through the said report,

Ordered, That Messrs Axford, Dr. Elmer and Little, be appointed to calculate from the ratables reported by the committee, the quota to be paid by each and every county in the state.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the state for the time being, be directed and he is hereby required to receive in the public securities of this state, the amount of a judgment still due and the interest accruing thereon, obtained by the said Treasurer in behalf of the state, against Abraham Manning, late Sheriff of the county of Bergen: Provided the said Abraham Manning shall first discharge the costs of suit in the current money of the state.

Ordered, That Mr. Rutherford do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The House met,

Mr. Rutherford reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Resolved, That the members of this House be hereafter called in alphabetical order.

A message from the Council by Mr. Hoops.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 3, 1790.

THAT Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the bill entitled, " An Act to amend an act, entitled, An Act for incorporating fundry persons as trustees of the second Presbyterian church in Newark;" and the bill entitled, " A Supplement to an act, entitled, An Act for enabling trustees to sell and dispose of the real estate of Jonathan Hampton, late of Elizabeth-Town, in the county of Essex, Esquire, deceased, for the uses and purposes mentioned therein," are passed by this House without amendment; and also carry the bill entitled, " An Act for appointing commissioners to alter, relay or vacate part of a six rod road in the township of Woodbridge, as the same shall appear just and proper to them," with the amendments made thereto by this House, and request their concurrence in the said amendments; which last mentioned bill, with the amendments, were read and ordered a second reading.

The order of the day on the petition of Jonathan Stiles being called for, the same was referred for consideration to-morrow.

A message from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

Council Chamber, June 3, 1790.

THE Council having taken into consideration the resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to receive in the public securities of the state, the amount of a judgment still due, and the interest accruing thereon, obtained by the said Treasurer against Abraham Manning, &c.

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

Mr. Biddle with leave, presented the draught of a bill, entitled, " An Act directing the mode for distraining and selling goods for the payment of rent and for giving landlords re-possession after the determination of leases," which bill was read and referred to the next sitting.

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The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, “ An Act to enable
 “ the owners and possessors of the meadows, swamps and low lands on the river
 “ Passaic and its several branches between the Little Falls and the mill-dam at
 “ Chatham, to break up the reef near said Falls, and to dig canals for the
 “ more effectually draining said lands, and to raise money for that purpose,” and
 having gone through the said bill and made sundry amendments thereto,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

Mr. Davenport with leave, presented to the House the following resolutions for their consideration, to wit :

Forasmuch as it will be convenient for the good people of this state, that one place should be fixed upon for the sittings of the Legislature, and for the holding of the Supreme Court of this state : whereupon,

Resolved, That the permanent seat of the government of New-Jersey shall be fixed at _____ to and for the purpose of the meetings of the Legislature, the holding of the Supreme Courts of this state, and for such other uses as shall be by law directed ; and that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for the purposes aforesaid.

Resolved also, That this House will appoint a committee to bring in a bill for defraying the expences of erecting suitable buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature and the Supreme Court of this state, at such place as shall be appointed for the permanent seat of the Legislature of this state.

Ordered, That the said resolution be read a second time.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Friday, June 4, 1790.

The House met.

Mr. Rutherford from the committee, appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill, entitled, “ An Act to amend an act, entitled, An Act to raise
 “ the sum of twelve thousand five hundred pounds per annum, for the term of
 “ twenty-two years. for the purpose of paying the interest on the debt due from
 “ this state to the inhabitants thereof,” which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Rutherford from the committee, appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill, entitled, “ An Act to suspend part of an act, entitled, An Act
 “ for raising a revenue of thirty-one thousand two hundred and fifty-nine pounds
 “ five shillings per annum, for the term of twenty-five years, for the purpose of
 “ paying the interest and principal of debts due from the United States, agreeably
 “ to a recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth day of April, seventeen
 “ hundred and eighty-seven, and for appropriating the same,” which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, on the petition ^{of} Jonathan Stiles, Esq. late collector of Morris county, the said petition and the papers accompanying the same, together with the report of Mr. Axford thereon were read, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said petitions be dismissed.

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A message from the Council by Mr. Mayhue.

*Ordered,**Council Chamber, June 4, 1790.*

THAT Mr. Mayhue do carry to the House of Assembly the bill entitled, “ An Act to prescribe the manner of appointing Senators of the United States and electors of the President of the United States, on the part of this state, with the amendments made thereto by this House,” and request their concurrence in the said amendments ; which bill with the amendments were read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Jones from the committee appointed the 13th November last to report their opinion on the best and most probable mode of encouraging the manufactures of this state, beg leave to observe :

THAT the peculiar situation thereof must be so well known to the House, that it is unnecessary to dilate upon the subject. They have during the recess, revolved this truly important matter frequently in their minds, and conferred together often since the present sitting. On the maturest consideration, they do recommend as the most eligible mode they can devise, that futeable persons be incorporated throughout the state, for the purpose of promoting agriculture, manufactures and the useful arts into whose hands such sum or sums of money may be intrusted, or that they be empowered to draw from time to time, as may be necessary, to such amount as the Legislature may think proper, upon the Treasurer for money to pay premiums, procure carding and spinning machines, and such other utensils as may shorten labor, and to procure models of useful inventions, get them erected or kept in the county, towns or other most public places in each county for general use and inspection, and in general adopt every judicious and practicable plan for introducing and establishing those desirable objects.

By order of the committee,

ROBERT STRETTLE JONES.

Which report was read, and the consideration thereof postponed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, “ An Act to regulate the election of members of the Legislative Council and General Assembly, sheriffs and coroners,” and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said bill be referred to the next sitting.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, “ An Act to enforce the attendance and to specify the qualifications of the members of the Legislative Council and General Assembly of this state,” and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said bill be referred to the next sitting.

The bill entitled, “ An Act for appointing commissioners to alter, relay or vacate part of a six rod road in the township of Woodbridge, as the same shall appear just and proper to them,” with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read a second time : whereupon,

Resolved, That the House do disagree to the said amendments, and do adhere to their bill.

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Ordered, That Mr. Kitchel do carry the said bill to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

The bill entitled, " An Act to regulate the election of the Representatives from this state to the House of Representatives of the United States," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to Messrs Marsh, Hardenbergh and Rutherford.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Wade from the committee, to whom was referred the petition of Elias Drummond and Mary Drummond, brought in a bill entitled, " An Act for transferring the residue of the confiscated personal estate, late of Robert Drummond, deceased," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Samuel Reading, praying that the remaining sum due on his 3-4 note for the depreciation of his pay as a major in the Jersey line, may be paid him by the Treasurer.

On the question whether the prayer of the petition be granted, it was carried in the negative.

A petition from Elizabeth Forton, praying a warrant to entitle her to receive the half-pay of her late husband, was read and dismissed.

A memorial from Cyrenius Van-Mater, praying that he may be ordered compensation for property taken from him by the late army, was read and dismissed.

The bill entitled, " An Act for promoting the interest of Religion and Morality and for suppressing of vice among all ranks of people within this state," was read a second time.

On the question, whether the first section do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Axford, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Arnold, |
| Mr. Beardlee, | Mr. Holme, | Mr. Biddle, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Condict, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Kitchel, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Marsh, |
| Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Newbold, |
| Mr. Clement, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Nicoll, |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Townsend, |
| Mr. Cooper, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Wade. |
| Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Wither Spoon. | |
| Dr. Elmer, | | |

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The bill entitled, " An Act to prescribe the manner of appointing Senators of the United States and electors of the President of the United States, on the part of this state," with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read a second time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That this House agree to the 5th, 7th, 8th and 9th amendments, made by Council to the said bill, and disagree to the other amendments, and that this House do propose a further amendment to the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Anderson do carry the said bill and amendments to the Council and acquaint them therewith, and request their concurrence in the further amendment.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Saturday, June 5, 1790.

The House met.

Forasmuch as a disagreement appears upon the journals of the Council and House of Assembly at the last sitting, with respect to the sum which the Treasurer was directed to pay unto Samuel Reading, upon his depreciation note : therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he hereby is directed and required to pay unto Samuel Reading the sum of eighty-one pounds twelve shillings, being the interest, and the further sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, being part of the principal of a note given him for the three fourth of his depreciation of pay agreeably to the journals of Council, the 27th of November 1789.

Ordered, That Mr. Swain do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Bonney from the committee, to whom was referred the petition of David Edgar, reported as follows :

THAT they have examined into the nature of his claim and the circumstances attending the same, and are of opinion, that the prayer of his petition ought to be granted so far as to direct the Treasurer to issue a certificate to the said David Edgar for the sum of fifty-eight pounds eleven shillings, with interest from the 25th day of May last, it being the amount of a debt due from Ebenezer Foster to the said David Edgar, and whose estate was forfeited to this state, if so much of the said estate shall remain in the Treasury.

By order of the committee,

JAMES BONNEY:

To which report the House agreed.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of Mr. Cook on the petition of Mary Difosway and agreed to the same : whereupon,

Mr. Marsh in behalf of the petitioner, presented the draught of a bill, entitled, " An Act for appointing Mary Difosway an agent to collect the debt or debts due to Robert Fitz Randolph, which became forfeited to this state," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled, " An Act to suspend part of an act, entitled, An Act for raising a revenue of thirty-one thousand two hundred and fifty-nine pounds five shillings per annum, for the term of twenty-five years for the purpose of paying the interest and principal of debts due from the United States agreeably to a recommendation of Congress of the 18th day of April 1787, and for appropriating the same," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

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The bill entitled, " An Act to amend an act, entitled, An Act to raise the sum of twelve thousand five hundred pounds per annum for the term of twenty-two years, for the purpose of paying the interest on the debt due from this state to the inhabitants thereof," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion,

Resolved, That Maskell Ewing, Esq. be authorized and requested to take charge of the several abstracts and duplicates in the possession of this House, and separate and file them in his office, endorsing each abstract and duplicate with the name of the county and township, and the tax for which it was made, and that this House will allow him a compensation for such his services.

Two messages from the Council by Mr. Van-Cleave.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 5, 1798.

THAT Mr. Van-Cleave do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House concur in the resolution relative to directing the Treasurer to pay unto Samuel Reading the sum of £. 81 12 0 interest, and the sum of £. 150 principal, &c.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 5, 1790.

THAT Mr. Van-Cleave do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House do recede from their amendments made to the bill entitled, " An Act for appointing commissioners to alter, relay or vacate a certain six rod road in the township of Woodbridge, &c."

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

The bill entitled, " An Act for the relief of Ephraim Pyatt," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled, " An Act for appointing Mary Disoway an agent to collect the debt or debts due to Robert Fitz Randolph which became forfeited to this state," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The petition from Gloucester, read on the 21st ultimo, was read a second time: whereupon,

Mr. Cooper with leave, presented the draught of a bill, entitled, " An Act to enable the justices and chosen freeholders in the county of Gloucester, to appoint a committee to value the land in the several townships in said county, the better to enable the assessors to settle the quotas of taxes in an equitable manner, and defray the expence;" which bill was read and referred to the next sitting.

The bill entitled, " An Act for transferring the residue of the confiscated personal estate late of Robert Drummond, deceased," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The report of Mr. Marsh on the petition of Col. Samuel Potter, was read a second time.

On the question, whether the House agree to the said report, it was carried in the negative.

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Mr. Anderson from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled, " An Act to amend an act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Fisheries, and to prevent the obstructions of the navigation in the river Delaware," reported the same with sundry amendments.

On the question whether the House agree to the title of the said bill, it was carried in the negative : whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill do lie on the table.

The bill intituled, " An Act for incorporating the town of Princeton," was read and referred to the next sitting.

The bill entitled, " An Act to render more permanent the salaries allowed to the justices of the Supreme Court," was read and dismissed.

The petition from David Olden, read November 20th last, was read and dismissed.

The bill entitled, " An Act for erecting the upper part of the county of Hunterdon and the lower part of the county of Sussex into a separate county to be called the county of Independence, &c." was read and dismissed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, " An Act to alter the place of holding the Supreme Court of Judicature of this state, and for other purposes therein mentioned ;" and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the same be dismissed.

The petition from Samuel Hays, read on the 29th ultimo, was read a second time and referred to the next sitting.

The bill entitled, " An Act for altering and re-settling part of the boundary line between the counties of Somerset and Middlesex," was read and referred to the next sitting.

The bill entitled, " An Act for the registering of marriages, births and deaths, when the parties or their relatives may require the same," was read a second time and referred to the next sitting.

The petition from Samuel Potter, presented on the 13th November last, was read and dismissed.

The petition from the stage proprietors of the line running from Philadelphia to New-York by Pauls Hook, presented on the 24th May last, was read and dismissed.

The petition from Nathan Crane, read on the 24th May last, was read and dismissed.

Ordered, That the Speaker have leave of absence until Monday afternoon.

The House adjourned till Monday morning nine of the clock.

Monday, June 7, 1790.

The House met.

Mr. Holme from the committee, appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill, entitled, " An Act for the removal of the ancient records of the county of Salem," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Daniel Teeratt, late a serjeant in the service of the United States, stating an account for his services while in the said service, and praying payment from this state; was read and dismissed.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants of the county of Essex, praying that the act for incorporating the Borough of Elizabeth, passed the last sitting may be repealed, was read and ordered a second reading, with others on the same subject before the House.

Mr. Rutherford from the committee, appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill, entitled, "An Act to raise a tax within this state, and to establish the quotas of the several counties thereof," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Council by Mr. Woodhull.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 7, 1790.

THAT Mr. Woodhull do carry to the House of Assembly, the bill entitled, "An Act more effectually to prevent the taking and detaining unjustifiable possession of lands, &c." and the bill entitled, "An Act to amend an act entitled, An Act for the more easy partition of lands held by coparceners, joint tenants and tenants in common, and to repeal the seventh section of the same," and request their concurrence therein; which bills were read and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled, "An Act for promoting the interest of Religion and Morality, and for suppressing of Vice among all ranks of people within this state," and after going through the bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House a petition from the executors of Azariah Dunham, Esq. deceased, praying that the accounts of said Dunham, as stated by the auditor, may be allowed by the Legislature, which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Rutherford from the committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the depreciation of the Copper Coin of this state, and the Treasurer's letter on that subject, reported as follows:

THAT the depreciation of the Copper Coin appears to be entirely owing to the fraudulent practices of persons who have stamped Birmingham and Connecticut Coppers with the same impression as those of this state, and have afterwards passed them to others: That the New-Jersey Coppers coined by law, are superior in weight to the British, are of pure metal, and weigh six pennyweight six grains each, and that most of the counterfeits are of base metal, and weigh less than five pennyweight each: That the New-Jersey Coppers lately passed at fifteen for a shilling, the rate directed by law, and the Birmingham and Connecticut Coppers could at the same time be procured for forty-five for a shilling, and that some persons have availed themselves of the difference, and have changed the impression of a considerable quantity of light and base Coppers, converting one shilling's worth of those Coppers into three shillings worth of New-Jersey Coppers, which practice has occasioned so great a depreciation of the Coppers in this state; that in some places they do not circulate, and in other places they pass at

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an unequal and uncertain value, from forty-eight to thirty-six for a shilling; though they lately circulated at their full value, even in the neighbouring states where no other Coppers would pass.

2. From the above facts, the committee are of opinion, that it is necessary for the credit and interest of the state, that an enquiry should be instituted for the discovery of the persons employed in counterfeiting the Coppers in order that they may be prosecuted agreeable to law.

3. And as they conceive that the penalty is not adequate to the offence, they recommend that some ignominious punishment should be inflicted by law on those guilty of such practices in future.

4. The committee are at a loss to determine whether it would be proper to direct the Treasurer to receive the real Jersey Coppers in payment of taxes at the rate established by law, or at their current value; in the former case, a very great and an improper advantage will be given to the Revenue Officers of the state, as they will be enabled to pay forward the Copper Coin at more than double the value at which they can procure it; and in the latter case to receive the Coppers for less than they issued, would appear like a breach of faith on the part of the state; they therefore submit the subject to the consideration of the House, only observing that it will be extremely difficult and troublesome, and indeed almost impracticable to distinguish the real Jersey Coppers from the counterfeits.

5. The committee beg leave further to observe, that from the depreciation of the Coppers, and the want of small change, a practice has almost universally prevailed throughout the state, of private persons issuing notes payable to the bearer for small sums; this practice the committee conceive to be improper, the same notes do not circulate throughout the state, and are therefore inconvenient to the holders; there is no security that they will be paid on demand, and indeed there are instances of persons issuing notes, and afterwards becoming insolvent, thereby defrauding the holders who are generally of the most ignorant class, and who ought therefore more particularly to be under the protection of the Legislature—Further, the notes increase the circulating paper medium, banish the small silver coins, and are a considerable profit to those who issue them, from the great number lost or destroyed in circulation, and which profit ought to be the emolument of the state and not of individuals.

The committee therefore recommend, that a law should pass to prohibit all persons from issuing notes within this state, payable to the bearer for a less sum than _____ and which law would be similar to those which several European nations have found necessary to pass on the same subject.

By order of the committee,

JOHN RUTHERFURD.

Ordered, That the said report be read a second time.

A petition from Joseph Vickars, praying that the Legislature would enable him to recover money on a certain mortgage given by Aaron Buck, but not recorded according to law, was read and dismissed.

The bill entitled, “ An Act for the better regulating the granting licences for the keeping of taverns, inns and ordinaries within this state,” was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

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The House met.

Mr. Bonney agreeably to his report on Saturday, which was agreed to by the House, reported the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the state be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a certificate unto David Edgar, of the county of Middlesex, for the sum of fifty-eight pounds eleven shillings, with interest from the twenty-fifth day of May last, being the amount of a debt due him from the estate of Ebenezer Foster, if so much of the estate of the said Ebenezer Foster remains in the Treasury of the state.

Ordered, That Mr. Newbold do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

The Speaker being absent, the House appointed Robert Strettle Jones, Esq. to take the chair during his absence.

Ordered, That Mr. Blair do wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith. Mr. Newbold reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Mr. Blair reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The engrossed bill, entitled, " An Act to amend an act, entitled, An Act to raise the sum of twelve thousand five hundred pounds per annum, for the term of twenty-five years, for the purpose of paying the interest of the debt due from this state to the inhabitants thereof," was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was negatived as follows :

| Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. | Yeas. |
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| Mr. Axford, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Hardenbergh, |
| Mr. Beardlee, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Biddle, | Mr. Kitchel, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Blair, | Mr. Marsh, |
| Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Outwater, |
| Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Townsend, |
| Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Condict, | Mr. Wade, |
| Mr. Hankinson, | Eli Townsend. | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Witherspoon. |
| Mr. Holme, | | Mr. Corihon, | |

There not being twenty members in favor of the said bill, the same was lost.

The engrossed bill entitled, " An Act to suspend part of an act, entitled, An Act for raising a revenue of thirty-one thousand two hundred and fifty-nine pounds five shillings per annum, for the term of twenty-five years for the purpose of paying the interest and principal of debts due from the United States agreeably to a recommendation of Congress of the 18th day of April 1783, and for appropriating the same," was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Anderson, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Biddle, |
| Mr. Axford, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Clement, |
| Mr. Beardlee, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Cooper, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Holme, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Corihon, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Wade, | Mr. Newbold, |
| Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Witherspoon. | Mr. Swain, |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. M'Dowell, | | Mr. Townsend. |
| Mr. Cook, | | | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicoll do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

The honorable John Beatty returned and took the chair.

Mr. Rogers attended and took his seat.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An Act for regulating the election of Town Officers," was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was negatived as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Beardflee, | Mr. Holme, |
| Mr. Axford, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Biddle, | Mr. Kitchel, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Blair, | Mr. Little, |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Marsh, |
| Mr. Corrhon, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. M'Dowell, |
| Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Clement, | Mr. Rogers, |
| Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Witherspoon. | Mr. Condict, | Mr. Wade. |
| Mr. Hardenbergh, | | Mr. Cooper, | |

There not being twenty members in favor of the said bill, the same was lost.

The engrossed bill entitled, "An Act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadows, swamps and low lands on the river Passaick and its several branches, between the Little Falls and the Mill-dam at Chatham, to break up the reefs near said Falls, and to dig canals for the more effectual draining said lands, and to raise money for that purpose," was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows.

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Corrhon, | Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Benson, |
| Mr. Axford, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. Beardflee, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Nicoll, |
| Mr. Biddle, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Outwater, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Holme, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Rogers, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Rutherford. |
| Mr. Clement, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Wade, | |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Witherspoon. | |
| Mr. Cooper, | | | |

The engrossed bill entitled, "An Act appointing Mary Disofway an agent to collect the debt or debts due to Robert Fitz Randolph, which became forfeited to this state," was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Biddle, |
| Mr. Axford, | Mr. Corrhon, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Blair, |
| Mr. Beardflee, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Nicoll, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Rutherford, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Rogers, | Mr. Townsend. |
| Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Holme, | Eli Townsend, | |
| Mr. Clement, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Wade, | |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Witherspoon. | |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Little, | | |

The engrossed bill entitled, " An Act for the relief of Ephraim Pyatt," was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Beardlee, |
| Mr. Axford, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Benson, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Rogers, | Mr. Biddle, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Clement, |
| Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Holme, |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Newbold, |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Wade, | Mr. Nicoll, |
| Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Witherspoon. | Eli Townsend. |

The engrossed bill entitled, " An Act for transferring the residue of the confiscated personal estate late of Robert Drummond, deceased," was read and compared---

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Benson, |
| Mr. Axford, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Blair, |
| Mr. Beardlee, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Rogers, | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Cooper, |
| Mr. Clement, | Mr. Kitchel, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Holme, |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. M'Dowell, |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Wade, | Mr. Nicoll, |
| | | Mr. Witherspoon. | Eli Townsend. |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said several bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicoll do carry the said bills to the Council and request their concurrence thereto.

A message from the Council by Mr. Ogden.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 7, 1790.

THAT Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House agree to the resolution directing the Treasurer to issue a certificate unto David Edgar, of the county of Middlesex, for the sum of £. 58 11 0 with interest, &c.

The report on John Van-Alen's petition and papers, were read a second time and agreed to.

Mr. Marsh from the committee, appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill, entitled, " An Act to direct the time and mode of electing " Representatives in the Congress of the United States from this state," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, June 8, 1790.

The House met.

Mr. Speaker from the Joint Committee of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the accounts of John Dennis, Esq. late one of the Treasurers of this state, brought in a report which was read and referred to the Treasurer and Auditor of this state, and they are directed to investigate and examine into the state of Mr. Dennis's accounts, and report to the Legislature at their next sitting their opinion thereon.

The petition from the executors, &c. of Azariah Dunham, Esq. deceased, was read a second time.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the executors of the estate of Azariah Dunham, Esq. deceased, the sum of thirty-nine pounds thirteen shillings and three pence, being the amount of a balance found due by the auditor, on a settlement between the said Azariah Dunham, and this state.

Ordered, That Mr. M'Dowell do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Three petitions, from Monmouth, Burlington and Gloucester counties, respecting catching fish at certain seasons of the year, and praying a law to prohibit their being caught and carried to market at certain seasons of the year, were read and referred to the next sitting.

A petition from the owners and possessors of lands adjoining a brook commonly called Singack Brook, in the county of Bergen, praying leave to present a bill to enable them the better to clear said brook from the head thereof to its entrance into Passaic River, and also the west branch thereof, commonly called Dead Brook, was read.

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill at the next sitting, agreeably to the prayer of their petition, on advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, and a copy of this order in three of the most public places in the neighbourhood where the improvement is proposed to be made, three weeks previous thereto.

Mr. M'Dowell reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A petition from Daniel Vandell, a prisoner confined in the gaol of Sussex, praying that a law may be passed, on his giving security to his creditors for the payment of the monies for which he is confined in a short time, that his body may be liberated from his confinement, was read.

Ordered, That he have leave to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants of the state, praying that the Legislature would regulate the fare to be taken at the Ferry across Raritan river at New-Brunswick, was read and referred to the next sitting.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants of the town of Salem, praying that a law may be passed to direct their highways to be repaired by hire, was read.

Ordered, That Mr. Holme be allowed to present a bill to answer the prayer of the said petition.

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The petitions from Princeton and from Newton, in Suffex, praying the benefit of a Lottery for the repair and completion of their Churches, was read a second time.

Ordered, That they have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of the said petitions.

Mr. Holme presented the draught of a bill, entitled, " An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the township of Salem, to maintain their Roads by hire, and to raise money for that purpose," which bill was read and referred to the next sitting.

A message from the Council by Mr. Hoops.

Council Chamber, June 7, 1790.

The following message having been received from the House of Assembly, to wit :

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Anderson do carry to Council, the bill entitled, " An Act to prescribe the manner of appointing Senators of the United States and electors of the President of the United States, on the part of this state," with the amendments made thereto by Council, and acquaint them, that this House agree to the 5th, 7th, 8th and 9th amendments made by Council to the said bill, and disagree to the other amendments ; and that this House do propose a *further amendment* to the said bill, to which they request the concurrence of Council.

Resolved, That this House conceive this mode of doing business, now for the first time adopted by the Assembly, to be not only unprecedented, informal and irregular, but productive of many inconveniencies.

Resolved therefore, That Council cannot with propriety, go into the consideration of a bill, which having originated in and passed the other House, and having been amended by Council, is now sent back by the Assembly with amendments to those amendments as well as to the original bill ; which message was read with the said bill : whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do recede from their additional amendments proposed to the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Wade do carry the said bill to Council and acquaint them therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Kitchel have leave of absence during the remainder of the present sitting.

A message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 8, 1790.

THAT Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House do concur in the resolution relative to authorizing the Treasurer to pay to the executors of the estate of Azariah Dunham, deceased, the sum of £. 39 13 3, &c.

Ordered, That Messrs Hardenbergh and Biddle be added to the committee appointed on the 29th May last, to take further testimony, such as may be offered by Col. Ward, &c. and make report thereon to the House.

The Speaker, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, entitled, " An Act to empower the trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Princeton, in the counties of Somerset and Middlesex, and the
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“ trustees of the Presbyterian congregation of Newton, in the county of Suffex,
 “ to erect a Lottery for the purposes therein mentioned,” which bill was read
 and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, “ An Act for the
 “ better regulating the granting licences for the holding of taverns, inns and ordi-
 “ naries within this state,” and having gone through the said bill, and amended
 the same by paragraphs,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

The bill entitled, “ An Act for the removal of the ancient records of the coun-
 “ ty of Salem,” was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o’clock, P. M.

The House met.

A message from His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary Reed, accom-
 panied with several acts of Congress, passed at their present sitting, was read and
 referred to Dr. Witherspoon and Mr. Rutherford, to report whether it is neces-
 sary that any of them should be re-published, and annexed to the laws of this
 state.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of Mr. Outwater, on the
 petition of John Van-Alen, and agreed to the same : whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the state be and he is hereby authorized and
 directed to issue a certificate unto John Van-Alen, for the sum of sixty-three
 pounds sixteen shillings, with interest from the first day of November 1779, be-
 ing the amount of a sum of money he overpaid the commissioners of the county
 of Bergen by mistake in the purchase of land, late the property of John F. Ryer-
 son, which was forfeited to this state, and which money was paid forward to the
 Treasury of the state, if so much of the estate of the said John F. Ryerson remains
 in the Treasury of the state.

Ordered, That Mr. Axford do carry the said resolution to the Council for con-
 currence.

The bill entitled, “ An Act more effectually to prevent the taking and detain-
 “ ing unjustifiable possession of lands, &c.” was read a second time, debated, and
 ordered a third reading.

The bill entitled, “ An Act to amend the act, entitled, An Act for the more
 “ easy partition of lands held by coparceners, joint tenants and tenants in com-
 “ mon, and to repeal the seventh section of the same,” was read a second time,
 disagreed to by the House and dismissed.

Ordered, That Mr. Axford do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that
 the said bill is rejected by this House.

A message from the Council by Mr. Dayton.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 8, 1790.

THAT Mr. Dayton do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them,
 that this House adhere to their amendments made to the bill entitled,
 “ An Act to prescribe the manner of appointing Senators of the United States,
 “ and electors of the President of the United States, &c.” and which were disa-
 greed to by the House of Assembly.

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The petitions from Elizabeth-Town, praying a repeal of the Charter of Incorporation, granted at the last sitting to Elizabeth-Town, were read a second time.

A motion was made that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to suspend the operation of the act, entitled, " An Act to establish and confirm the Charter, Rights and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth," so far forth as relates to the raising of monies under the said act until the further order of the Legislature, and that the second Wednesday in the next sitting of the Legislature be appointed for the hearing of both parties ; to which the House agreed : whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs Marsh, Wade and Condict, be appointed a committee for that purpose.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Wednesday, June 9, 1790.

The House met.

Mr. Wade from the committee, appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill entitled, " An Act to suspend in part, the operation of an act, entitled, " An Act to establish and confirm the Charter, Rights and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Witherspoon from the committee to whom was referred the Governor's message of the 19th May last and of yesterday, reported, That the following acts of the Congress of the United States, ought, in the opinion of the said committee, to be re-published and annexed to the laws of this state, for the convenience and better information of the people thereof, to wit :

1. An Act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths.
2. An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States.
3. An Act to regulate processes in the courts of the United States.
4. An Act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization.
5. An Act to prevent the exportation of goods not duly inspected according to the laws of the several states.
6. An Act to promote the progress of the useful arts.
7. An Act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States.
8. An Act to continue in force the act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled, " An Act to regulate processes in the courts of the United States."
9. An Act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures and penalties accruing under the revenue laws in certain cases therein mentioned : And,
10. An Act to prescribe the mode in which the public acts, records and judicial proceedings in each state shall be authenticated so as to take effect in every other state, and that the remainder of the said acts be lodged among the files of the House.

By order of the committee,

JOHN WITHERSPOON.

Whereupon—

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Assembly be directed to forward to the Printer of this State, for the time being, true copies of the aforesaid acts of Congress, for the purpose mentioned in the above report ; and that the Printer be directed to re-publish and annex the same to the laws of this state.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Axford do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Axford reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The bill entitled, "An Act to raise a tax within this state, and to establish the quotas of the several counties thereof," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent fishing with scins or nets within one mile of certain inlets at certain seasons of the year," and having gone through and amended the same,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

Two messages from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 9, 1790.

THAT Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the bill entitled, "An Act for the relief of Ephraim Pyatt," the bill entitled, "An Act for appointing Mary Disoway an agent to collect the debt or debts due to Robert Fitz Randolph, which became forfeited to this state," and the bill entitled, "An Act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadows, swamps and low lands on the river Passaic, and its several branches between the Little Falls and the Mill-dam at Chatham, to break up the reefs near said Falls, and to dig, &c. and to raise money for that purpose," are passed by this House without amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House agree to the resolution relative to directing the Clerk of Assembly to furnish the Printer with copies of certain acts of Congress, &c. and disagree to the resolution relative to directing the Treasurer to issue a certificate unto John Van-Alen for the sum of sixty-three pounds sixteen shillings, &c. And also, that the bill entitled, "An Act for transferring the residue of the confiscated personal estate, late of Robert Drummond, dec." is rejected by this House.

A petition was presented from Samuel Hays, praying a law to ratify and confirm his proceedings as Loan Officer of the county of Essex, which was read: whereupon,

Ordered, That he have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of his petition.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, "An Act to raise a tax within this state, and to establish the quotas of the several counties thereof," and after having gone through the said bill and amended the same,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

Mr. Condict, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, entitled, "An Act to ratify and confirm the proceedings of Samuel Hays, Esq. late Loan Officer of the county of Essex," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

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The bill entitled, " An Act empowering the trustees of the Presbyterian congregation at Princeton, in the counties of Somerset and Middlesex, and the trustees of the Presbyterian congregation of Newton, in the county of Sussex, to erect a Lottery for the purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill, entitled, " An Act for the removal of the ancient records of the county of Salem," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, entitled, " An Act for promoting the interest of Religion and Morality, and for suppressing of Vice among all ranks of people within this state," was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Axford, | Mr. Hankinon, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. Beardflee, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Arnold, |
| Mr. Benfon, | Mr. Holme, | Mr. Biddle, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Condict, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Little, |
| Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Newbold, |
| Mr. Clement, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Outwater, |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Witherspoon, | Mr. Rogers, |
| Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Speaker. | Mr. Rutherford, |
| Mr. Corihon, | | Eli Townsend, |
| Dr. Elmer, | | Mr. Townsend, |
| | | Mr. Wade. |

The engrossed bill, entitled, " An Act for the better regulating the granting of licences for the holding of taverns, inns and ordinaries within this state," was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Axford, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Newbold, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. Beardflee, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Arnold, |
| Mr. Benfon, | Mr. Corihon, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Condict, |
| Mr. Biddle, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Holme, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Hankinon, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Little, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Wade, | Mr. Rogers, |
| Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Witherspoon. | Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Clement, | Mr. M'Dowell, | | Mr. Townsend. |

The engrossed bill entitled, " An Act to prevent fishing with seins or nets within one mile of certain inlets at certain seasons of the year," was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

Yeas,

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Benson, |
| Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Blair, |
| Mr. Axford, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. Beardflee, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Cook, |
| Mr. Biddle, | Mr. Rogers, | Dr. Elmer, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Hankinson, |
| Mr. Clement, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Hardenbergh, |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Holme, |
| Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Wade, | Mr. Newbold, |
| Mr. Corrhon, | Mr. Wither Spoon. | Mr. Outwater, |
| | | Mr. Rutherford. |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Hankinson do carry the said bills to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill entitled, "An Act empowering the trustees of the Presbyterian congregation at Princeton, in the counties of Somerset and Middlesex, and the trustees of the Presbyterian congregation of Newton, in the county of Suffolk, to erect a Lottery for the purposes therein mentioned," was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Benson, | Mr. Holme, |
| Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Biddle, | Mr. Newbold, |
| Mr. Axford, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Outwater, |
| Mr. Beardflee, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Rogers, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Clement, | Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Townsend. |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | |
| Mr. Corrhon, | Mr. Wade, | | |
| Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Wither Spoon. | | |

There not being twenty members in favor of the said bill, the same was lost.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Thursday, June 10, 1790.

The House met.

Mr. Hankinson reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A petition from the agent of Archibald Hamilton, was read and referred to the next sitting.

The report of Mr. Rutherford from the committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the depreciation of the Copper Coin of this state, was read a second time—To the 1st and 2d part of the said report the House agreed ; to the 3d the House disagreed ; on the 4th paragraph the House resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to receive no more Coppers into the Treasury of the state ; and to the 5th paragraph the House agreed.

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The engrossed bill entitled, " An Act to raise a tax within this state, and to establish the quotas of the several counties thereof," was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Biddle, |
| Mr. Axford, | Mr. Corihon, | Mr. Rogers, | Mr. Clement, |
| Mr. Arnold, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Cooper, |
| Mr. Beardlee, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Holme, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Jones. |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Townsend, | |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Wade, | |
| Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Wither Spoon. | |
| Mr. Condict, | | | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Hardenbergh do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Hardenbergh reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The bill entitled, " An Act more effectually to prevent the taking and detaining unjustifiable possession of lands, &c." was read a third time.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Axford, | Mr. Holme, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Arnold, |
| Mr. Biddle, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Beardlee, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Blair, |
| Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Condict, |
| Mr. Clement, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Hankinson, |
| Mr. Cook, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Hardenbergh, |
| Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Townsend, | Mr. Little, |
| Mr. Corihon, | Mr. Wade, | Mr. Rogers. |
| Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Wither Spoon. | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Eli Townsend do carry the said bill to Council and acquaint them, that the same is passed by this House without amendment.

Mr. Eli Townsend reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Mr. Clement from the committee, appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill, entitled, " An Act for defraying fundry incidental charges," which will was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled, " An Act to direct the time and mode of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States for this state, and for other purposes," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

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The House met.

Mr. Jones from the committee of both Houses appointed for the settlement of such accounts as might be referred to them during the sitting of the Legislature, reported, That a resolution ought to issue to the Treasurer authorizing him to pay to the legal representatives of Baker Hendricks, deceased, the amount of Doctor Caleb Halstead's account for attendance and dressing his wounds that he received in the service of the United States in the year 1780, amounting to the sum of £. 4 9 0: whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this state, do pay to the representative or representatives of Baker Hendricks, the sum of four pounds nine shillings, and that the receipt of the said representative or representatives of the said Baker Hendricks, shall be a sufficient voucher to the said Treasurer in the settlement of his accounts for so much of the public money.

Ordered, That Mr. Clement do carry the said report and resolution to Council for their concurrence.

Mr. Clement reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

Council Chamber, June 11, 1790.

THE bill entitled, " An Act to raise a tax within this state, and to establish the quotas of the several counties thereof," was read—On the question whether the said bill be read a second time:

Resolved in the negative: whereupon,

Resolved, That Messrs Rutherford, Cook, Dr. Elmer, Outwater and Hardenbergh, be a committee to confer with a committee of Council on the subject of the said bill, which has been rejected by Council upon the first reading.

Ordered, That Mr. Benson do wait on the Council, and request their appointment of a committee for the above purpose, and that they will appoint the time and place of conference.

The bill entitled, " An Act to suspend in part, the operation of an act to establish and confirm the Charter, Rights and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, " An Act to direct the time and mode of electing Representatives in the Congress of the United States for this state, and for other purposes," and after having gone through and amended the same,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

The report of Dr. Witherspoon of the 2d instant, with the papers accompanying the same, on the petition of John Halstead, were read: whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay unto John Halstead, the sum of two hundred and sixty-one pounds seventeen shillings and eight-pence, instead of the sum of six hundred and sixty-seven pounds twelve shillings and five pence, mentioned in the said report, and that the receipt of the said John Halstead for the said sum of two hundred and sixty-one pounds seventeen shillings and eight pence, shall be a sufficient voucher to the said Treasurer for the said sum, in the settlement of his accounts.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Benson do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Benson reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

A message from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 10, 1790.

THAT Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House concur in the resolution, directing the Treasurer to pay to the representatives of Baker Hendricks, the sum of £. 4 9 0, &c.

Two messages from the Council by Mr. Ellis.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 10, 1790.

THAT Mr. Ellis do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the bill entitled, " An Act to prevent the fishing with seines or nets within one mile of certain inlets at certain seasons of the year," is rejected by this House; and that he also carry the bill, entitled, " A Supplement to the act, entitled, An Act to ascertain the time and mode of levying taxes, and the better to enforce the collection thereof;" and the bill entitled, " An Act for the empowering the trustees of the Presbyterian congregation at Princeton, in the counties of Somerset and Middlesex, and the trustees of the first Presbyterian congregation at Newton, in the county of Sussex, to have a Lottery for the purpose therein mentioned," and request their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That Messrs Dayton, Hoops and Ellis, be a committee to confer with the committee of the House of Assembly on the subject of the bill, entitled, " An Act to raise a tax within this state, &c." and that the said committees meet in the Council Chamber to-morrow morning eight o'clock, and that Mr. Ellis do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The bill entitled, " An Act to ratify and confirm the proceedings of Samuel Hays, Esq. late Loan Officer of the county of Essex," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled, " An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled, " An Act for the appointment of certain persons to sit with and assist the Chancellor on the final hearing of all causes, to direct the mode of examination of witnesses in the Court of Chancery, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read and referred to the next sitting.

The bill entitled, " An Act to regulate the practice of the Law, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read and referred to the next sitting.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Friday, June 11, 1790.

The House met.

The bill entitled, " A Supplement to the act, entitled, An Act to ascertain the time and mode of levying taxes, and the better to enforce the collection thereof," was read a second time, debated, and ordered a third reading. The

The bill entitled, "An Act empowering the trustees of the Presbyterian congregation at Princeton, in the counties of Somerset and Middlesex, and the trustees of the first Presbyterian congregation of Newton, in the county of Suffolk, to have a Lottery for the purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time, debated, and ordered a third reading.

Dr. Elmer reported to the House, from the committee appointed to examine such testimony as may be offered by Col. Ward, &c. respecting the propriety of his holding a certificate from this state for £. 1354 3 9 for his pay while a prisoner in New-York, as a Lieutenant Colonel, and laid before the House an affidavit and sundry certificates : whereupon,

The several affidavits taken before the House on the twenty-ninth of May last, were read.

A motion was made, that the following question be taken :

Whether under the circumstances of Col. Ward's capture, he was entitled to pay as an officer, and being put, it was carried in the negative.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this state be, and he is hereby directed to pay no further interest upon a certificate given by Thomas Clark, commissioner for settling militia accounts in the county of Essex, to Matthias Ward, for pay as a Lieutenant Colonel, while a prisoner with the enemy in the late war ; and that said Treasurer give information to such officers of the United States as may be concerned in receiving the militia notes of this State, that the same is disallowed by the Legislature thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. Arnold do carry the said resolution to Council for concurrence.

A message from the Council by Mr. Mayhue.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 11, 1790.

THAT Mr. Mayhue do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House agree to the resolution relative to directing the Treasurer to pay unto John Halstead the sum of £. 261 17 8.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An Act to ratify and confirm the proceedings of Samuel Hays, late Loan Officer of the county of Essex," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill entitled, "An Act to direct the time and mode of electing Representatives in the Congress of the United States for this state, and for other purposes," was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Biddle, |
| Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Mr. Clement, |
| Mr. Axford, | Mr. Holme, | Mr. Cooper, |
| Mr. Beardlee, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Jones, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Marsh, | Mr. Rutherford, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Townsend, |
| Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Wade. |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Rogers, | |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Swain, | |
| Mr. Corshon, | Mr. Wither Spoon. | |
| Dr. Elmer, | | |

The engrossed bill, entitled, " An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges," was read and compared.

Resolved, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, entitled, " An Act to suspend in part, the operation of an act to establish and confirm the Charter, Rights and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said several bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Anderson do carry the said several bills to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Hardenbergh with leave, presented the draught of a bill, entitled, " An Act to ascertain the sum to be raised within this state for the year seventeen hundred and ninety, and to establish the quotas of the several counties thereof," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled, " An Act empowering the trustees of the Presbyterian congregation at Princeton, in the counties of Somerset and Middlesex, and the trustees of the first Presbyterian congregation of Newton, in the county of Suffolk, to have a Lottery for the purpose therein mentioned," was read a third time.

On the question whether the said bill pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Benson, |
| Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Biddle, |
| Mr. Axford, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Bonney, |
| Mr. Beardlee, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Burgin, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Rogers, | Mr. Clement, |
| Mr. Condict, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Cooper, |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Hardenbergh, |
| Mr. Corihon, | Mr. Wade, | Mr. Holme, |
| Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Witherpoon, | Mr. Outwater, |
| Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Speaker. | Eli Townsend, |
| | | Mr. Townsend. |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Anderson do carry the said bill to Council and acquaint them, that the same is passed by this House without amendment.

A petition from the Inhabitants of the Township of Freehold, in the county of Monmouth, praying that some measures may be taken to relieve them from the burthen of the deficiency of taxes, and the costs of collecting the monies remaining due from the Inhabitants of the said township to the late county collector, was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

The bill entitled, " An Act to ascertain the sum to be raised within this state for the year 1790, and to establish the quotas of the several counties thereof," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

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The bill entitled, " A Supplement to the act, entitled, An Act to ascertain the time and mode of levying taxes, and the better to enforce the collection thereof," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Arnold do carry the said bill to Council and acquaint them, that the same is passed by this House without amendment.

The engrossed bill, entitled, " An Act to ascertain the sum to be raised within this state for the year seventeen hundred and ninety, and to establish the quotas of the several counties thereof," was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Biddle, |
| Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Corlison, | Mr. Rogers, | Mr. Holme, |
| Mr. Axford, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Jones, |
| Mr. Beardlee, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Marsh, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Eli Townsend, | |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Townsend, | |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Wade, | |
| Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Wither Spoon. | |
| Mr. Condict, | | | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Biddle do carry the said bill to the Council, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Swain with leave, presented the bill, entitled, " An Act to authorize and empower the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the city of Perth-Amboy, to erect a Lottery for the purposes therein mentioned : " And a petition from the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Perth-Amboy, praying that the same may be enacted into a law ; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Council by Mr. Van-Cleave.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 11, 1790.

THAT Mr. Van-Cleave do carry to the House of Assembly, the bill entitled, " An Act for promoting the interest of Religion and Morality, and for suppressing of Vice among all ranks of people within this state."

The bill entitled, " An Act for the better regulating the granting licences for the holding of taverns, inns and ordinaries within this state," with the amendments made thereto by this House, and request their concurrence in the said amendments : And also acquaint them, that the bill entitled, " An Act for the removal of the ancient records of the county of Salem," is passed by this House without amendment, which two first mentioned bills were read with the amendments made thereto, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Arnold reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The bill entitled, " An Act for the better regulating the granting of licences for the holding of taverns, inns and ordinaries within this state," with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read a second time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the House agree to the 2d and 3d amendments made to the said bill, and in other respects do adhere to their bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Axford do carry the said bill and amendments to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

The bill entitled, “ An Act to authorize and empower the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the city of Perth-Amboy,” to erect a Lottery for the purposes therein mentioned, was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The petition from Monmouth, read this morning, was read a second time—whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the state be directed, and he is hereby required to stay further proceedings against Kenneth Hankinson, late collector of the county of Monmouth, until the first day of December next, for actions commenced against him for arrears of taxes previous to the year 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. Swain do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill entitled, “ An Act to authorize and empower the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the city of Perth-Amboy, to erect a Lottery for the purposes therein mentioned,” was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Anderson, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Benson, |
| Mr. Arnold, | Mr. Little, | Mr. Biddle, |
| Mr. Axford, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Bonney, |
| Mr. Beardslee, | Mr. Nicoll, | Mr. Clement, |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Outwater, | Dr. Elmer, |
| Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Rogers, | Mr. Hardenbergh, |
| Mr. Conduct, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Holme, |
| Mr. Cook, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Marsh, |
| Mr. Cooper, | Mr. Wade, | Eli Townsend, |
| Mr. Corihon, | Mr. Witherspoon. | Mr. Townsend. |
| Mr. Hankinson, | | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Swain do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

A message from the Council by Mr. Woodhull.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 11, 1790.

THAT Mr. Woodhull do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House adhere to their amendments made to the bill entitled, “ An Act for the better regulating the granting of licences for the holding of taverns, &c.” which were disagreed to by the House of Assembly.

Mr. Hardenbergh with leave, presented the draught of a bill, entitled, “ An Act for regulating the granting licences for the holding of taverns, inns and ordinaries within this state,” which was read and ordered a second reading.

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The bill entitled, " An Act for regulating the granting of licences for the holding of taverns, inns and ordinaries within this state," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Swain reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The engrossed bill, entitled, " An Act for regulating the granting of licences for the holding of taverns, inns and ordinaries within this state," was read and compared.

On the question whether the same do pass, it was carried in the affirmative as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Mr. Axford, | Mr. Cook, | Mr. Outwater, | Mr. Anderson, |
| Mr. Beardlee, | Dr. Elmer, | Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Condict, |
| Mr. Benson, | Mr. Hankinson, | Mr. Swain, | Mr. Little, |
| Mr. Biddle, | Mr. Hardenbergh, | Eli Townsend, | Mr. Wade. |
| Mr. Blair, | Mr. Jones, | Mr. Townsend, | |
| Mr. Bonney, | Mr. M'Dowell, | Mr. Witherspoon. | |
| Mr. Burgin, | Mr. Nicoll, | | |

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Dr. Elmer do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

Dr. Elmer reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

The bill entitled, " An Act for promoting the interest of Religion and Morality, and for suppressing of Vice among all ranks of people within this state," with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read a second time and the said amendments agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bill be re-engrossed with the said amendments.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

Saturday, June 12, 1790.

The House met.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled, " An Act for promoting the interest of Religion and Morality, and for suppressing of Vice among all ranks of people within this state," was read and compared.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Beardlee do carry the said bill to Council and acquaint them, that the same is passed by this House with their amendments.

Mr. Beardlee reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Resolved, That the Printer of the State be directed to strike off 160 copies of the act, entitled, " An Act to ascertain the sum to be raised within this state for the year 1790, and to establish the quotas of the several counties thereof," and forward twelve of the same to a member of each and every of the counties in this state.

Ordered, That Mr. Corshon do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

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Mr. Corshon reported, that he had obeyed the orders of the House.

A petition from John Polhemus, late a captain in the Jersey line, praying compensation may be made him for the depreciation of his pay while in the service of the United States, was read and referred to the next sitting.

A petition from Little-Egg-Harbour, praying that a law may be passed to prevent foreigners from taking fish and oysters within the bays and inlets of said township, and that none may be permitted to carry Sheeps-Head to market in July and August, was read and referred to the next sitting.

Eight messages from the Council by Mr. Ogden.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 12, 1790.

THAT Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the bill, entitled, "An Act to suspend the act for raising a revenue, &c. for 25 years, &c." is passed by this House without amendment.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 12, 1790.

THAT Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the bill entitled, "An Act for regulating the granting of licences for the holding of taverns, inns and ordinaries, &c." The bill entitled, "An Act to ratify and confirm the proceedings of Samuel Hays, Esq. late Loan Officer of the county of Essex:" And the bill entitled, "An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges," are passed by this House without amendment.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 12, 1790.

THAT Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the bill entitled, "An Act to authorize and empower the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the city of Perth-Amboy, to erect a Lottery, &c." is passed by this House without amendment.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 12, 1790.

THAT Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the bill entitled, "An Act to suspend in part, the operation of an act to establish and confirm the Charter, Rights and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth," is rejected by this House.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 12, 1790.

THAT Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the bill entitled, "An Act to direct the time and mode of electing Representatives in the Congress of the United States," is rejected by this House.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 12, 1790.

THAT Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House agree to the resolution relative to directing the Treasurer to stay further proceedings against Kenneth Hankinson, &c."

Ordered,

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 12, 1790.

THAT Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House agree to the resolution directing the Treasurer to pay no further interest on a certificate given to Matthias Ward, &c.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, June 12, 1790.

THAT Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the bill entitled, " An Act to ascertain the sum to be raised within this state for the year seventeen hundred and ninety, and to establish the quotas of the several counties thereof," is passed by this House.

A message from the Council by Mr. Hoops.

Resolved,

Council Chamber, June 12, 1790.

THAT this House agree to the resolution relative to directing the Printer to strike off 160 copies of the act for establishing the quotas of the several counties, &c.

The House rose and closed the Session.

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